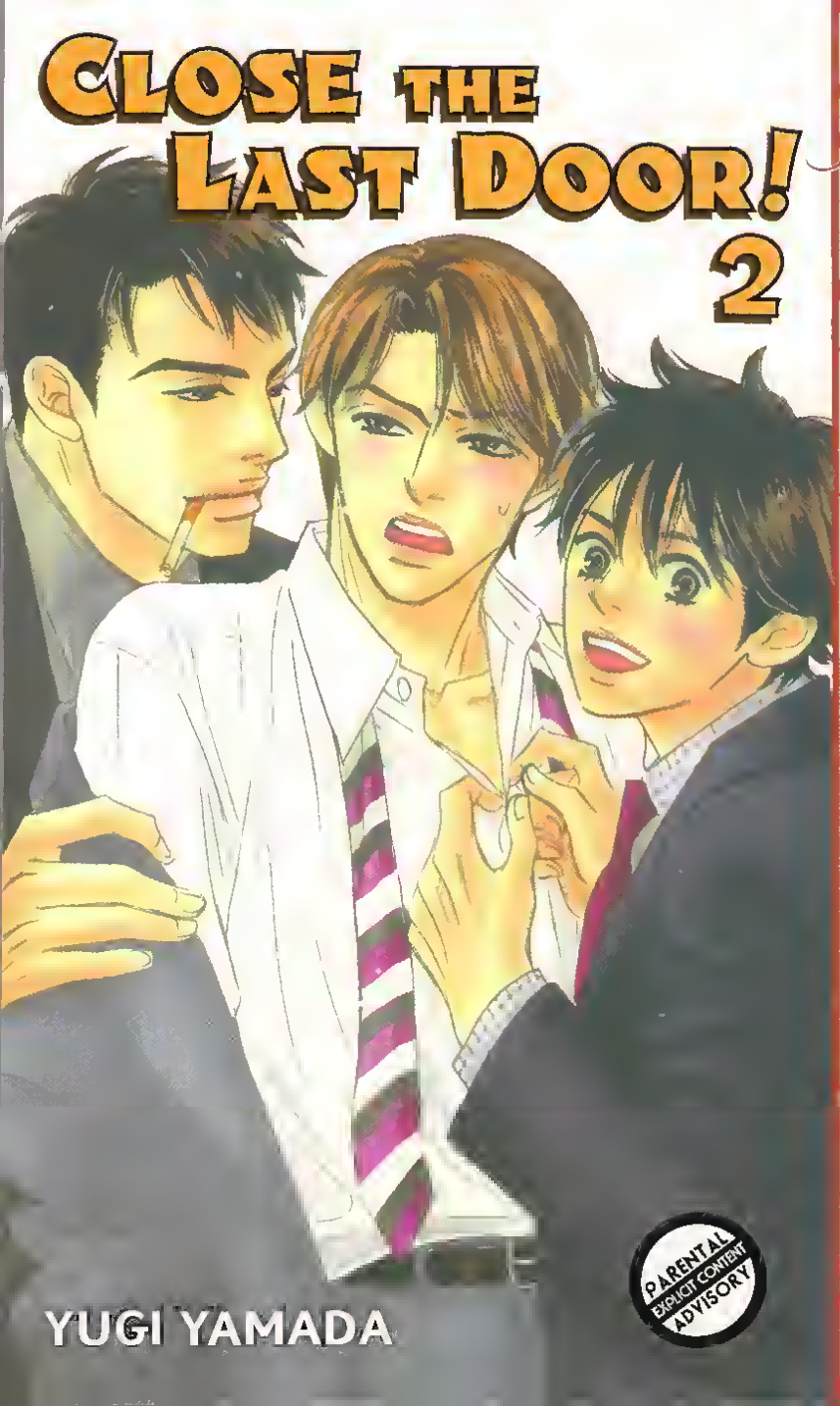
CLOSE THE LAST DOOR! 2



PARENTAL EXPLICIT CONTENT ADVISORY

YUGI YAMADA

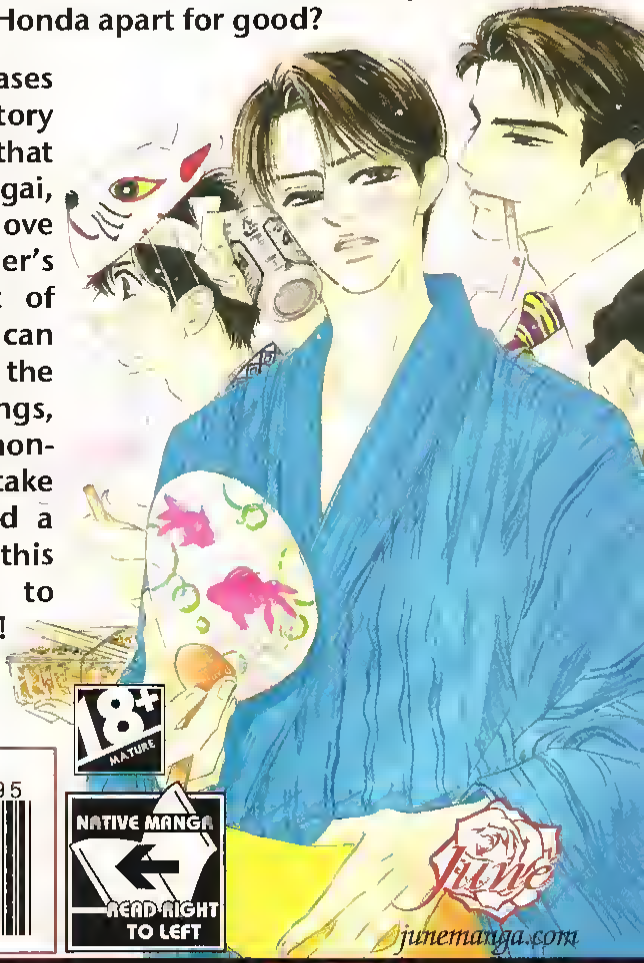
June

Yaoi ヤオイ Manga

Close the Last Door! 2

Nagai and Honda have been a (mostly) happy couple for an entire year. In fact, they've dealt with teasing in-laws, competitive gift-giving...and even an exhausting hunt for their own apartment! But just when everything seems too perfect to be true, sweet and sneaky Saitou pops up to cause a little broken-hearted mayhem. Will this face from the past succeed in tearing Nagai and Honda apart for good?

Close the Last Door teases and tempts with the story of a love triangle that refuses to topple! Nagai, Honda and Saitou love to push one another's buttons in and out of the bedroom. But can these bold men bear the strain of secret meetings, business trips and non-stop flirtations? It'll take a little flexibility and a lot of hard work if this threesome is going to keep everyone happy!



MANGA /DRAMA / ROMANCE
US $12.95

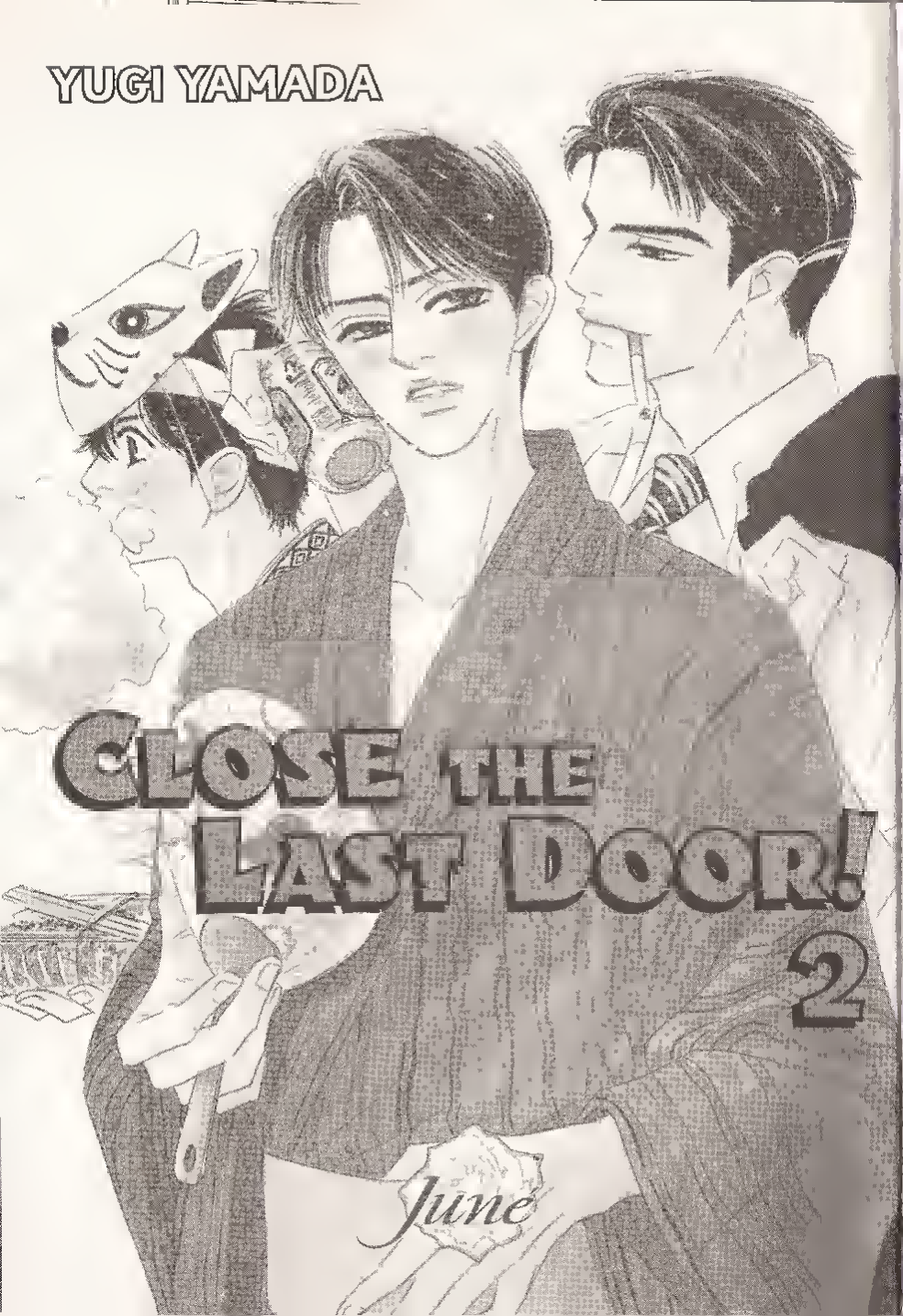
ISBN 978-1-56970-882-8
51295
9 781569 708828

18+ MATURE

NATIVE MANGA
READ RIGHT TO LEFT

junemanga.com

YUGI YAMADA



CLOSE THE LAST DOOR! 2

June

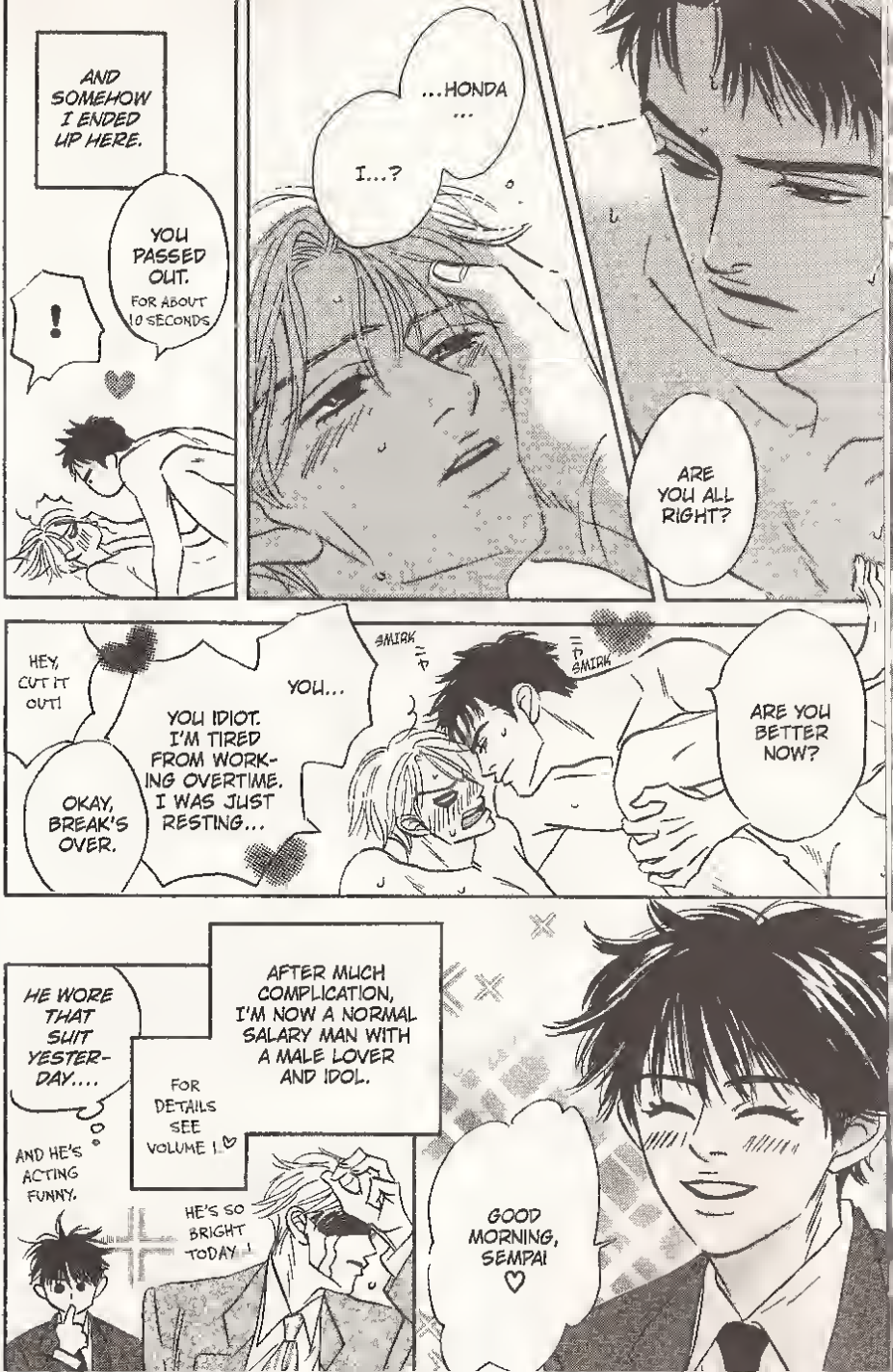
最後のドアを閉めろ!

CLOSE THE LAST DOOR

ATSUSHI NAGAI. 27 YEARS OLD, SINGLE.
BORN APRIL 30TH, A TAURUS, BLOOD TYPE B. 175 CM TALL, 65 KG. SHOE SIZE 26.5 CM.
STAYS WITHIN HIS COMPANY. OTHER THAN BEING NUMBER 1 EMPLOYEE FOR 4 YEARS RUNNING, A NORMAL SALARY MAN.

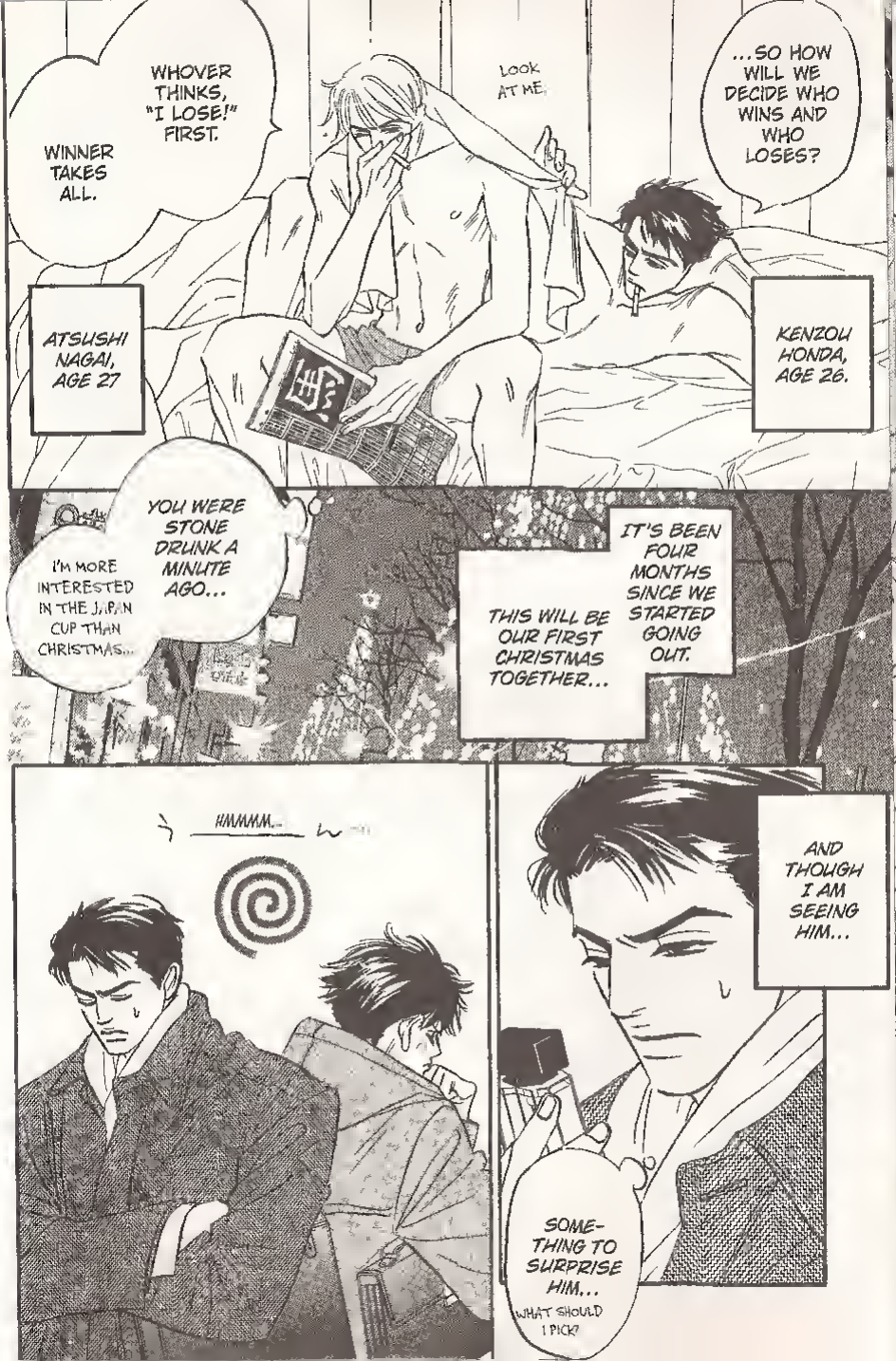
WHEN THE FRIEND I'D ADORED ALL THROUGH COLLEGE GOT ENGAGED, MY OWN HIDDEN FEELINGS...
NO!
I JUST LOVE SAITOU!
I'M NOT GAY!
SEMPAI?
MARRIED!?
...AT LEAST, I WAS.
...WAIT, NO WAY!
I WAS IN LOVE WITH SAITOU!?
TOSHIHISA SAITOU, AGE 25.
A COLLEGE CLASSMATE
YOU'LL MAKE A SPEECH, RIGHT SEMPAI? ♡
JUST WHEN I'D REALIZED IT, MY HEART WAS BROKEN.
DING
DONG
HUH?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO THE AFTERPARTY?
KENZOU HONDA, AGE 25.
SAITOU'S BRIDE'S FORMER BOYFRIEND.
OF COURSE, I MADE A HUGE SCENE AT THE WEDDING RECEPTION.
BEER, BEER!
BRING BEER!
PLEASE SAVE SOME FOR OUR OTHER CUSTOMERS!

BUT...EVEN THOUGH WE WERE BOTH MEN...
WHY DID IT BOTHER ME SO MUCH?
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
BUT NOTHING HAPPENED!
WE JUST HAPPENED TO KISS!
SHOVE
WE COMFORTED EACH OTHER'S WOUNDED HEARTS...
EEK!
MY WIFE RAN AWAY---
OOF!
WAHHH, SEMPAI!
I WAS TOPPLED AND SWEPT AWAY BY A YOUNGER MAN...
AHH---
...HEY.
HEY NAGAI.
AH!
I KNOW VERY WELL
THAT YOU'RE A MAN...
WHOA!
CAN I...
STAY HERE A WHILE


AND SOMEHOW I ENDED UP HERE.
YOU PASSED OUT. FOR ABOUT 10 SECONDS.
!
...HONDA ...
I...?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HEY, CUT IT OUT!
OKAY, BREAK'S OVER.
YOU IDIOT. I'M TIRED FROM WORKING OVERTIME. I WAS JUST RESTING...
YOU...
SMIRK
SMIRK
ARE YOU BETTER NOW?
HE WORE THAT SUIT YESTERDAY....
AND HE'S ACTING FUNNY.
AFTER MUCH COMPLICATION, I'M NOW A NORMAL SALARY MAN WITH A MALE LOVER AND IDOL.
FOR DETAILS SEE VOLUME 1.♡
HE'S SO BRIGHT TODAY!
GOOD MORNING, SEMPAI ♡

ACT.6

AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER, I NEVER BELIEVED IN SANTA.
BUT STILL MY HEART GETS EXCITED WHENEVER THIS TIME OF YEAR ROLLS AROUND.
ALL RIGHT!
WE'LL COMPETE TO SEE WHO'LL BE MORE SURPRISED BY THEIR PRESENT.


WHOEVER THINKS, "I LOSE!" FIRST.
WINNER TAKES ALL.
LOOK AT ME.
...SO HOW WILL WE DECIDE WHO WINS AND WHO LOSES?
ATSUSHI NAGAI, AGE 27
KENZOU HONDA, AGE 26.
I'M MORE INTERESTED IN THE J.P.N CUP THAN CHRISTMAS...
YOU WERE STONE DRUNK A MINUTE AGO...
THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS TOGETHER...
IT'S BEEN FOUR MONTHS SINCE WE STARTED GOING OUT.
HMMMM...
AND THOUGH I AM SEEING HIM...
SOME-THING TO SURPRISE HIM...
WHAT SHOULD I PICK?

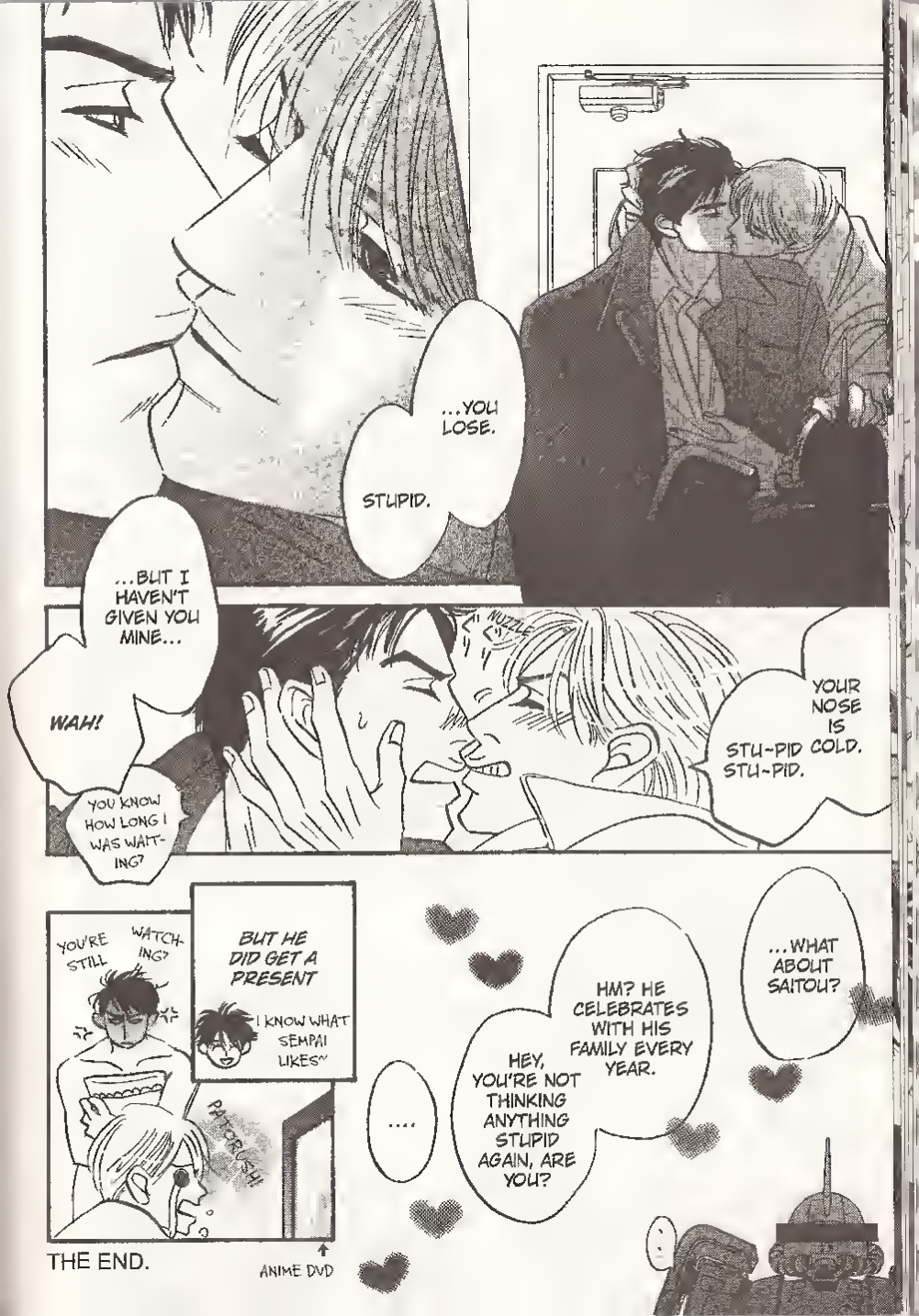
TOSHI-
HISA
SAITOU,
AGE 25.
HUH?
HM?
YES.
ARE YOU SHOPPING, HONDA?
SMILE
SMILE
SMILE
SMILE
YO, SAITOU.
ON YOUR WAY HOME?
YES, GOOD-BYE...
WELL, BE SEEING YOU.
SURE IS.
ISN'T IT COLD?
YOU'RE RIGHT~
IT'S CHRISTMAS, AFTER ALL.
ALCOHOL
酒
BASEMENT 1, ALCOHOL.
MUST BE FOR NAGAI.
FIRST FLOOR, WATCH SHOP
!
FOURTH FLOOR, TOYS.
!!

AND JUST LIKE THAT,
DECEMBER 24TH.
WHATEVER HAPPENS, I'LL PUT HIM IN A "SURPRISING" POSITION.
AH, I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE~
IT'S A TEMPUR PILLOW DESIGNED BY NASA!
A NAGAI-ISH PILLOW SAITOU? ...! WELL, YOU CAN'T IMITATE THIS.
I KNOW THAT BUT...
...WAIT, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE COMPETING WITH NAGAI.
.....
NOT THAT I CAN DO THAT ALONE.
THAT DAMN BALDY, PILING WORK ON ME~~
SORRY.
I'LL HEAD OVER AS SOON AS I FINISH THIS.

WELL, SEEYA.
CLICK
HEY-
SEMPAI~~~
YEAH, PLEASE
...UM,
CAN'T HELP IT IF IT'S WORK.
ALL RIGHT.
SHOULD I TAPE THE PROJECT X VIDEO FOR YOU?
WAIT FOR ME~~
HA HA HA, SEMPAI~
THAT VOICE WAS...
I CAN SAFELY SAY I'VE BECOME PRETTY PATHETIC.
TAP
....
WELL, THAT'S NOTHING STRANGE. THEY WORK IN THE SAME SECTION.
IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

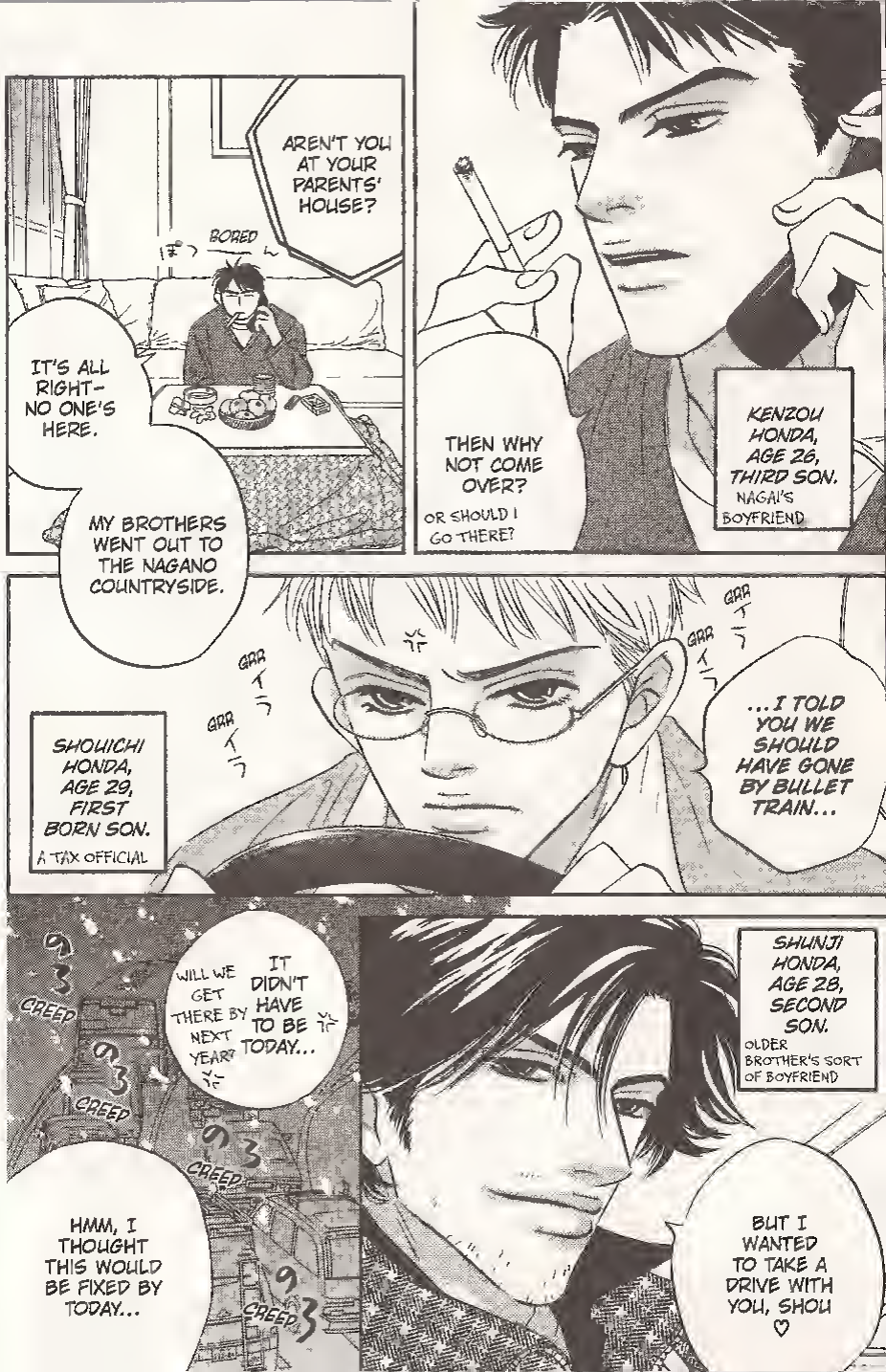
I'VE NEVER BEEN MADE TO WAIT THIS LONG...
I WONDER WHAT THE WOMEN I USED TO GO OUT WITH WOULD SAY, IF THEY SAW ME NOW.
BUT...
OH WELL.
BREAK
G-CHAN
HONDA!?

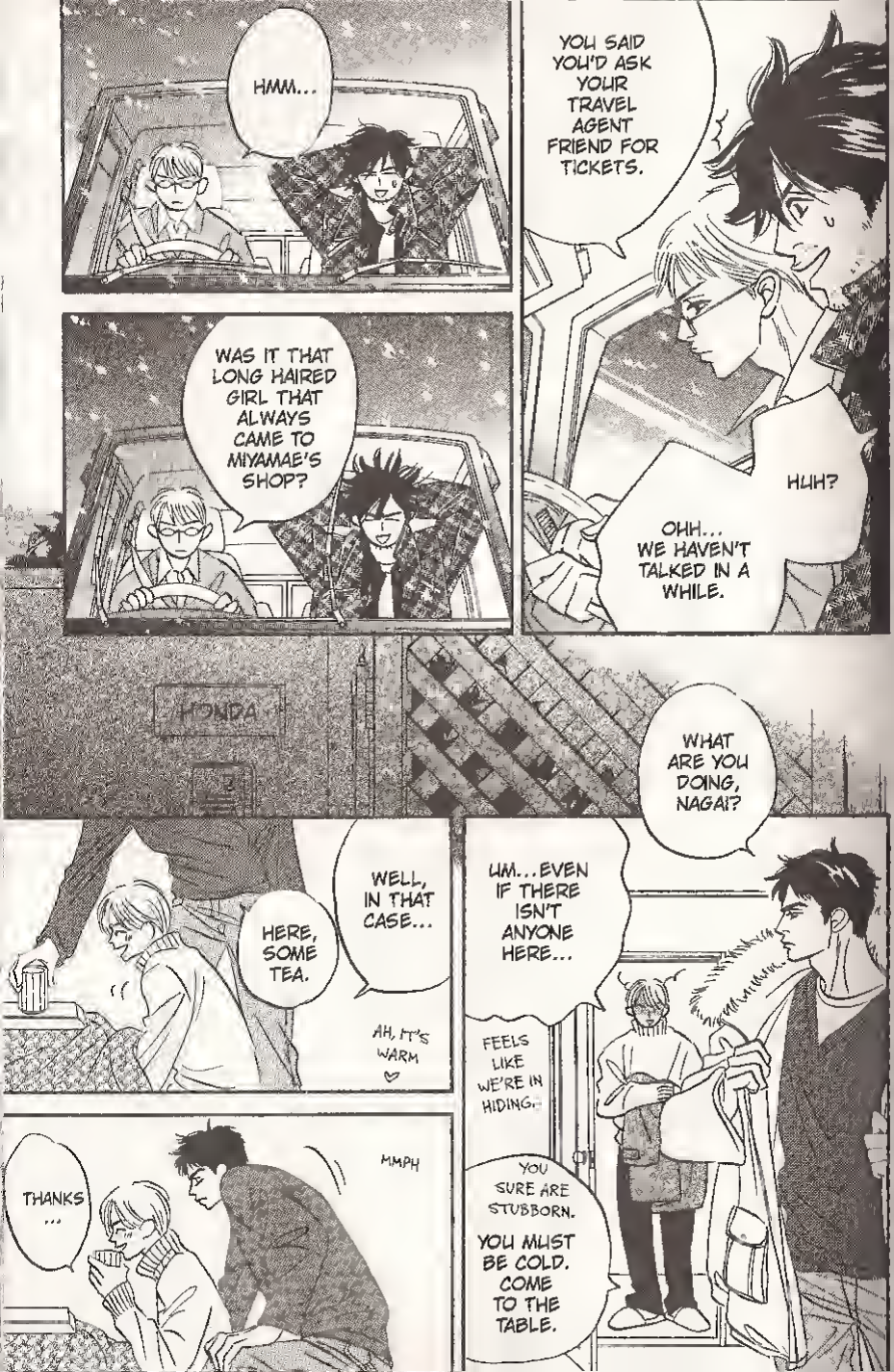
I LOSE MYSELF A LITTLE WHEN I'M WITH YOU.
PERFECT!
HUH?
LEND ME CAB FARE.
THIS IS IT
...ARE YOU AN IDIOT...?
TO KENZOU
1/12 SCALE MODEL OF SHA SPECIALTY II
HEH HEH, ARE YOU SURPRISED?
THE FAMOUS RED COMET
I LIKE IT, BUT...
YES, I AM. IT MUST BE ABOUT ¥130,000
I MANAGED TO GET IT HALF OFF
THAT'S NICE, AS LONG AS YOU PAID FOR IT...
SHUT

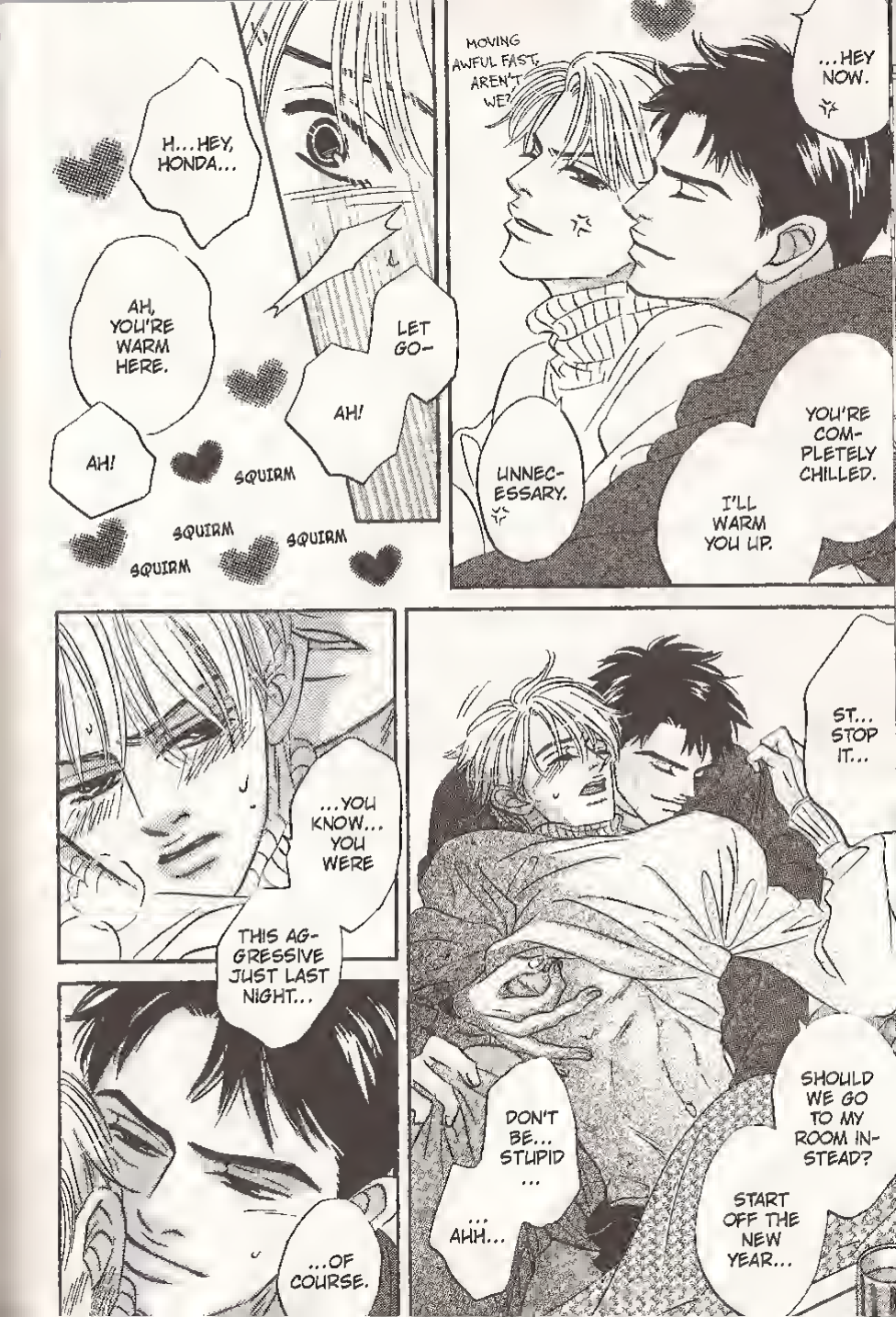

...YOU LOSE.
STUPID.
...BUT I HAVEN'T GIVEN YOU MINE...
WAH!
YOU KNOW HOW LONG I WAS WAITING?
NUZZLE
YOUR NOSE IS STU-PID COLD. STU-PID.
YOU'RE STILL WATCHING?
BUT HE DID GET A PRESENT
I KNOW WHAT SEMPAI LIKES~
PATORUSH!
ANIME DVD
....
HEY, YOU'RE NOT THINKING ANYTHING STUPID AGAIN, ARE YOU?
HM? HE CELEBRATES WITH HIS FAMILY EVERY YEAR.
...WHAT ABOUT SAITOU?
THE END.

SPECIAL CHAPTER: NAGAI AND THE THREE HONDA BROTHERS

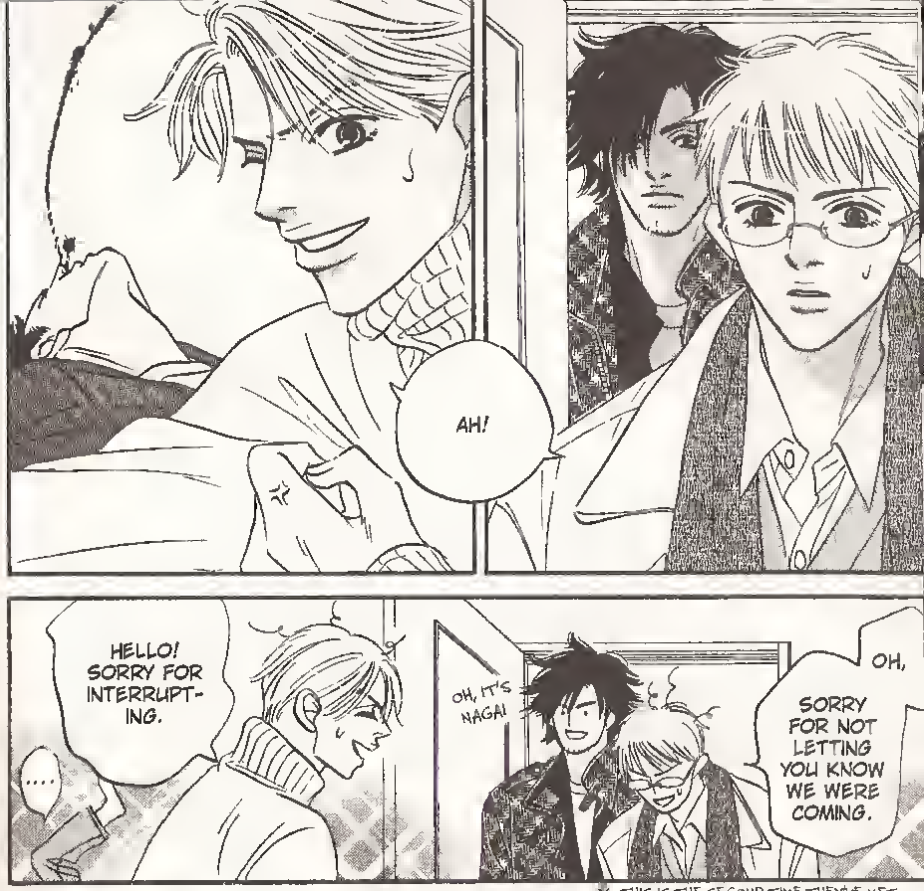
ATSUSHI NAGAI, AGE 27.
NATIVE OF HOKKAIDO
THE FLIGHT'S CANCELLED.
IT'S SNOWING THERE.
ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, THE WHOLE WORLD WAS COVERED IN SNOW.


AREN'T YOU AT YOUR PARENTS' HOUSE?
BORED
IT'S ALL RIGHT- NO ONE'S HERE.
MY BROTHERS WENT OUT TO THE NAGANO COUNTRYSIDE.
KENZOU HONDA, AGE 26, THIRD SON.
NAGAI'S BOYFRIEND
THEN WHY NOT COME OVER?
OR SHOULD I GO THERE?
SHOUICHI HONDA, AGE 29, FIRST BORN SON.
A TAX OFFICIAL
GRR
GRR
GRR
...I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD HAVE GONE BY BULLET TRAIN...
SHUNJI HONDA, AGE 28, SECOND SON.
OLDER BROTHER'S SORT OF BOYFRIEND
BUT I WANTED TO TAKE A DRIVE WITH YOU, SHOU ♡
IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE TODAY...
WILL WE GET THERE BY NEXT YEAR?
CREEP
CREEP
CREEP
CREEP
HMM, I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE FIXED BY TODAY...


HMM...
YOU SAID YOU'D ASK YOUR TRAVEL AGENT FRIEND FOR TICKETS.
WAS IT THAT LONG HAIRED GIRL THAT ALWAYS CAME TO MIYAMAE'S SHOP?
HUH?
OHH... WE HAVEN'T TALKED IN A WHILE.
HONDA
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NAGAI?
WELL, IN THAT CASE...
HERE, SOME TEA.
AH, IT'S WARM
UM...EVEN IF THERE ISN'T ANYONE HERE...
FEELS LIKE WE'RE IN HIDING...
YOU SURE ARE STUBBORN.
YOU MUST BE COLD. COME TO THE TABLE.
THANKS ...
MMPH


H...HEY, HONDA...
AH, YOU'RE WARM HERE.
AH!
LET GO-
AH!
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
MOVING AWFUL FAST, AREN'T WE?
...HEY NOW.
UNNEC-ESSARY.
YOU'RE COM-PLETELY CHILLED.
I'LL WARM YOU UP.
...YOU KNOW... YOU WERE
THIS AG-GRESSIVE JUST LAST NIGHT...
...OF COURSE.
ST... STOP IT...
DON'T BE... STUPID ...
... AHH...
SHOULD WE GO TO MY ROOM IN-STEAD?
START OFF THE NEW YEAR...

ALL RIGHT.
I DIDN'T THINK WE'D SEE EACH OTHER UNTIL "NEXT YEAR."
AH...
WAIT...
SQUEEZE
...NOT HERE.
SHIT"
B-TAM
HEY, SHOU!
I'M TELLING YA I TURNED HER DOWN.
WHAM!
C'MON, SHOU--
I DIDN'T ASK THAT.



✕ THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THEY'VE MET (SEE VOLUME 1)

YES, OUR PARENTS ARE BIG FANS OF YUJIROU.
HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?
AH, THAT'S A NICE PLACE.
OTARU.
BECAUSE BROTHER SAID SO.
WHY DID YOU COME BACK?
WHERE IN HOKKAIDO ARE YOU FROM?
NOT AT ALL.
SORRY FOR BARGING IN ON NEW YEARS LIKE THIS... ;;

!!
....
ガ PUSH ターン
I COULDN'T POSSIBLY~~
I'LL MAKE US SOME NEW YEAR SOBA.
HAVE YOU EATEN, NAGAI?
EITHER WAY YOU SHOULD SPEND THE NIGHT, SINCE YOUR PLANE LEAVES TOMORROW.
I'LL HELP!
PALE
IF YOU'D ONLY COME AN HOUR LATER
I AM DEEPLY SORRY
W-WELL, I HAVE SOME LAUNDRY TO DO
I'LL PRETEND I DIDN'T SEE THAT
THAT'S COOL
DO YOU LIKE YOUR SOBA CHILLED? OR WARMED?
SECOND SON, SOBA EXPERT
トン トン トン
WOW, THAT'S AMAZING.
YOU'RE EVEN CUTTING THE SOBA.
MY FAMILY EATS IT WARM, USUALLY WITH DIPPING SAUCE.

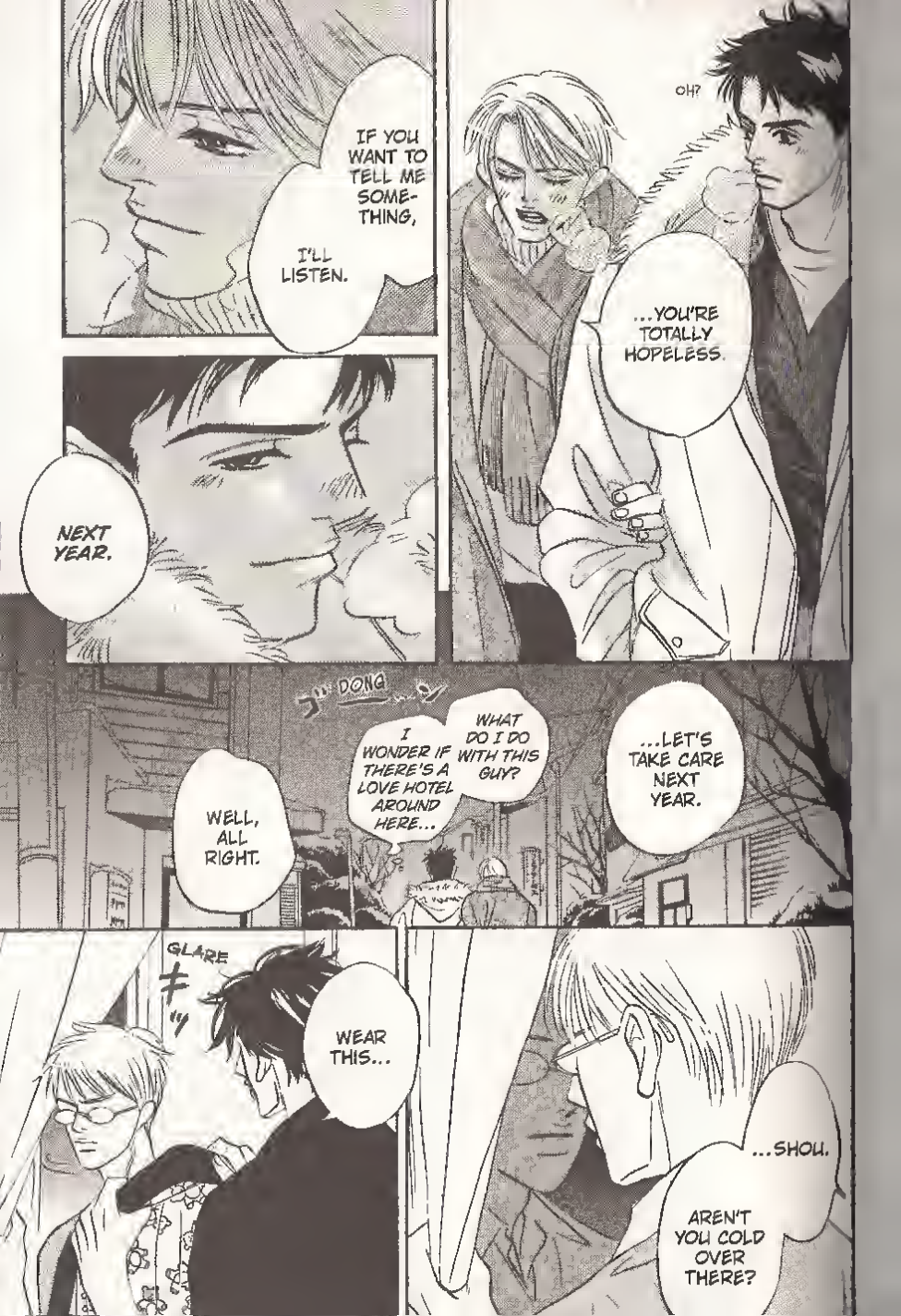
TOSS
THANKS
OUR FAMILY'S VERY PROPER.
OLDEST SON, VERY RELIGIOUS.
WE HAVE A BUDDHA, TOO.
YOUR HOKKAIDO NEW YEAR'S DISH SOUNDS MORE LIKE MISO.
OH, YOU HAVE A SHRINE.
HEY SHOU, TOSS A TANGERINE.
MY FAMILY'S ALWAYS LIKED SOY SAUCE...
IT DEPENDS ON THE FAMILY.
BUT WE COOK OUR MOCHI IN SQUARES.
MUNCH!
MUNCH
.....
THIRD SON WATCHES TV.
HEY SHOU, ONE MORE ...
GET IT YOURSELF!
OR RATHER, COME HELP OUT...
AH!
AH...SORRY, I YELLED AT YOUR BROTHER.
HOW AWFUL OF ME, HA HA
N...NO, PLEASE, YELL ALL YOU LIKE.
I'M TOO EASY ON HIM ANYWAY.
DOES HE KNOW ABOUT US? HAVE YOU TOLD HIM?
I HAVEN'T YET
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP

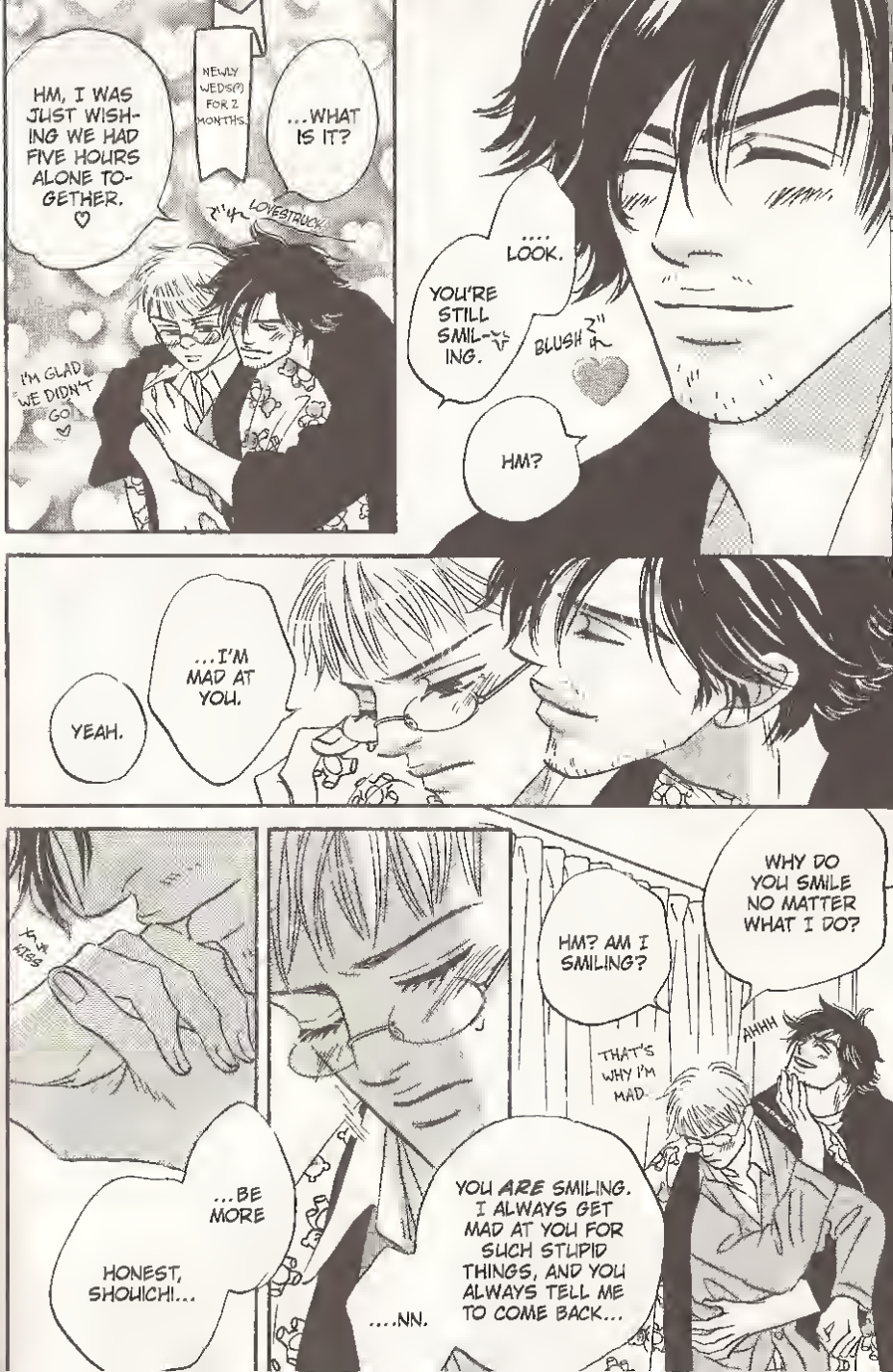
HEY, JUST LIKE US.
KENZOU'S COMPLETELY UNDER HIS THUMB.
HA HA,
NAGAI'S NOT BAD, IS HE?
HE'S FUNNY
YOU SEEM MUCH MORE DILLIGENT WHEN YOU'RE ALONE.
THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO DO HERE
YOU'RE SO SPOILED~
I SAID I'M NOT MAD!
SHE'S THE ONE THAT SAID IT...
I'M NOT MAD.
SHOU-
ARE YOU STILL MAD?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME.
...YOU ALREADY KNOW

11:35
HUH? WHAT HAPPENED?
KENZOU!
IT'S READY! CLEAR THE TABLE!
DONG
OH, THE NEW YEAR'S BELL
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED..
SAY SOMETHING!
KICK
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE ALL THREE OF US SHARED A NEW YEAR'S.
S-SORRY!
NAGAI, THAT'S MY FOOT.

....
...YEAH.
...WELL THEN.
THUNK

HE'S GOOD AT THAT.
KENZOU CAN DO THE CLEANING LATER. GO AHEAD.
NAGAI, DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE NEW YEAR'S BELL?
THERE'S A SHRINE IN OUR NEIGHBOR-HOOD.
SURE, BUT...
HUH!?
YOU TWO MAKE UP.
YOU'VE GOT AN HOUR OKAY?
IT'S STOPPED SNOWING.
AREN'T YOU COLD?
IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO BACK HOME.
YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN BACK IN HOKKAIDO BY NOW.
ACHOO!
... SORRY,
MY FAMILY'S KINDA... WEIRD...

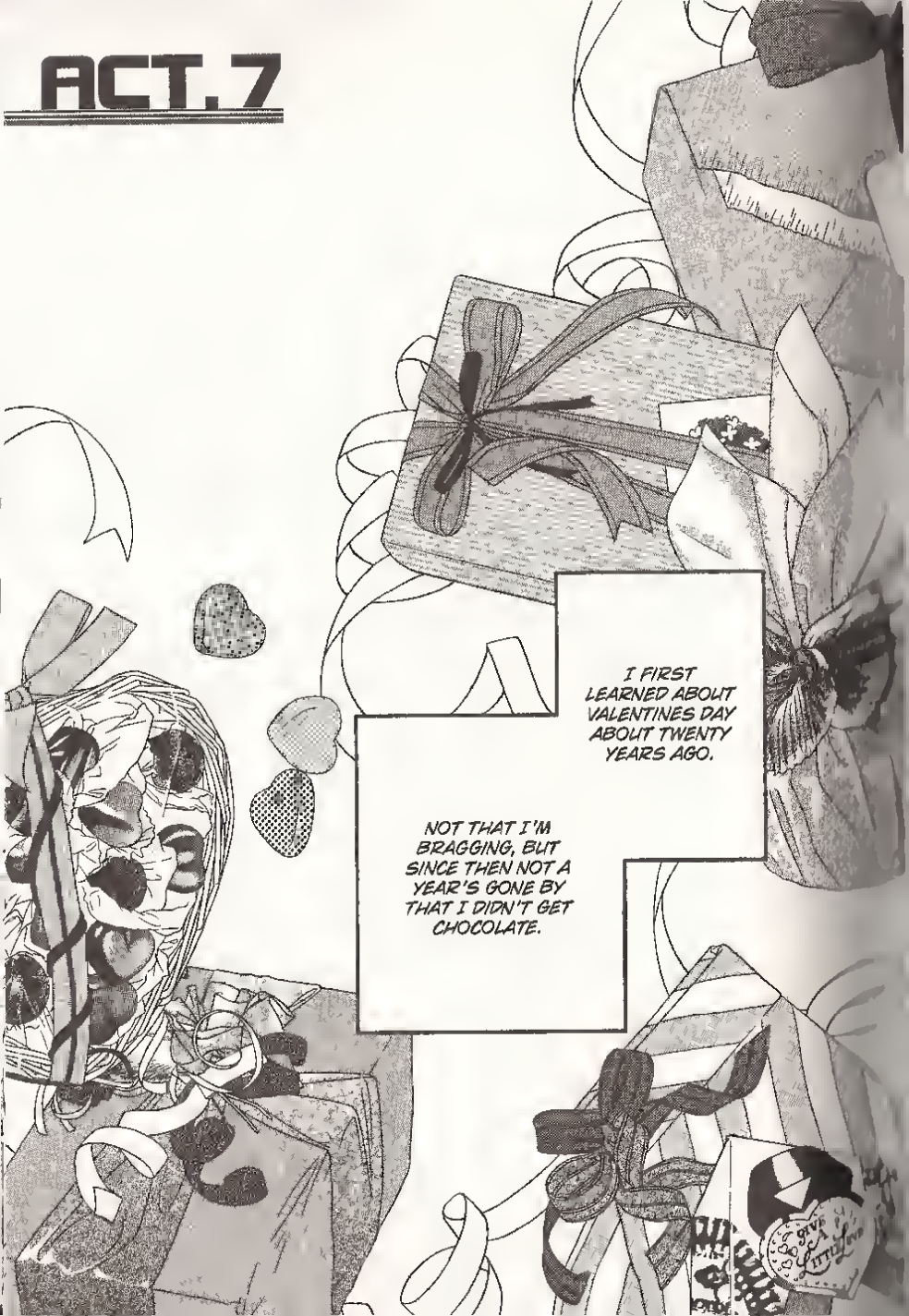

IF YOU WANT TO TELL ME SOMETHING,
I'LL LISTEN.
OH?
...YOU'RE TOTALLY HOPELESS.
NEXT YEAR.
DONG
WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS GUY?
I WONDER IF THERE'S A LOVE HOTEL AROUND HERE...
...LET'S TAKE CARE NEXT YEAR.
WELL, ALL RIGHT.
GLARE
WEAR THIS...
...SHOU.
AREN'T YOU COLD OVER THERE?

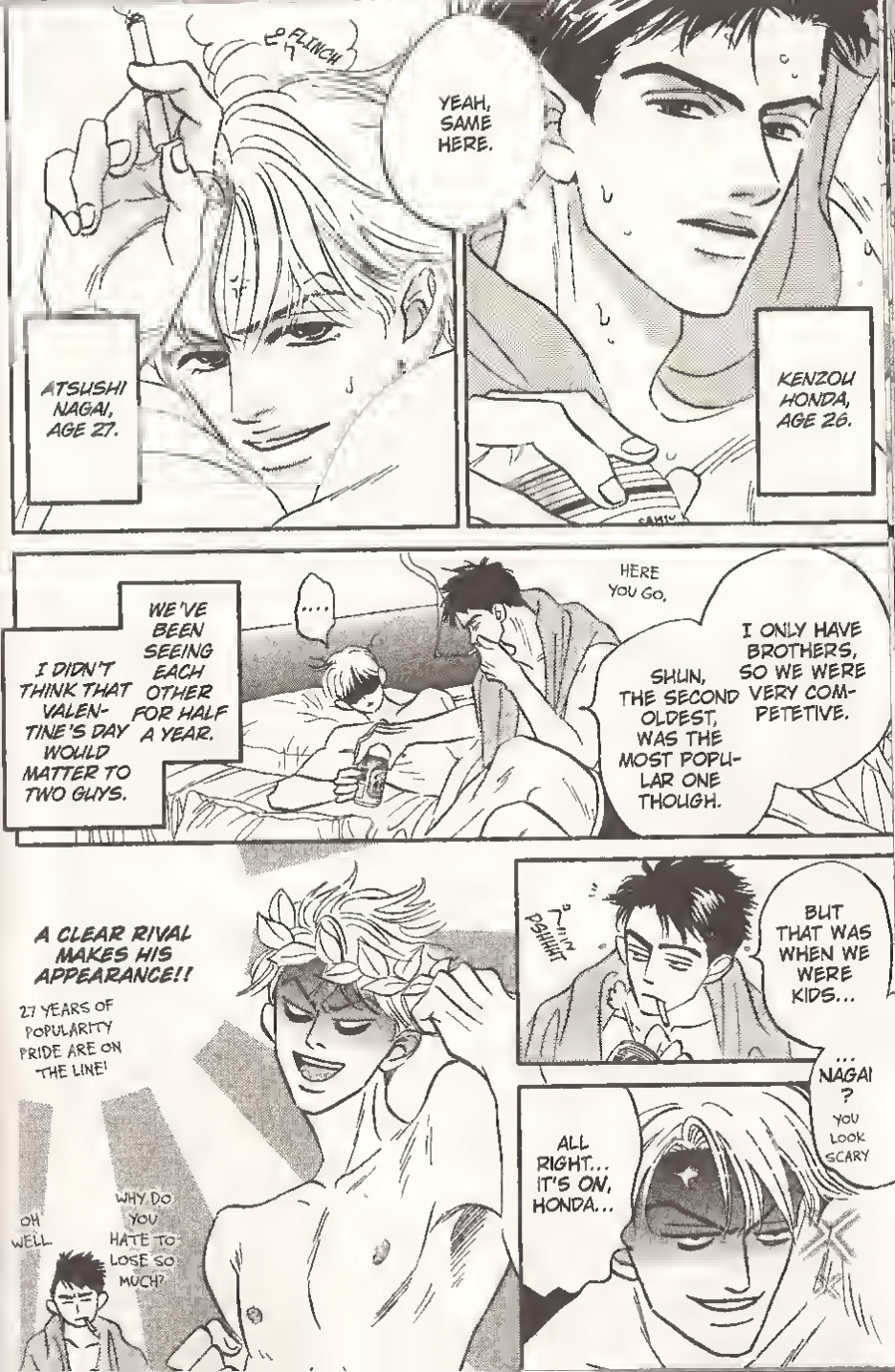

HM, I WAS JUST WISHING WE HAD FIVE HOURS ALONE TOGETHER. ♡
NEWLY WEDS(?) FOR 2 MONTHS.
...WHAT IS IT?
LOVESTRUCK!
I'M GLAD WE DIDN'T GO! ♡
.... LOOK.
YOU'RE STILL SMILING.
BLUSH
HM?
YEAH.
...I'M MAD AT YOU.
KISS
...BE MORE HONEST, SHOUICHI...
....NN.
YOU ARE SMILING. I ALWAYS GET MAD AT YOU FOR SUCH STUPID THINGS, AND YOU ALWAYS TELL ME TO COME BACK...
HM? AM I SMILING?
THAT'S WHY I'M MAD.
WHY DO YOU SMILE NO MATTER WHAT I DO?
AHHH

THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.
BOTHER ME MORE.
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU'VE WANTED THESE TEN YEARS.
...THEN, GIVE TEN YEARS' WORTH ...
... ... TO ME.
TOUCH

ゴーン
DONG
HUH?
0:00
I'M GONNA DIE
IF ONLY ...
IF ONLY I HAD JUST TWO HOURS!
DOOOONG
LOVE HOTEL, LOVE HOTEL.
FULL OF LUST.
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.
KENZOU'S LATE.
I GUESS THEY FIGURED US OUT.
HAPPY NEW YEAR.
END

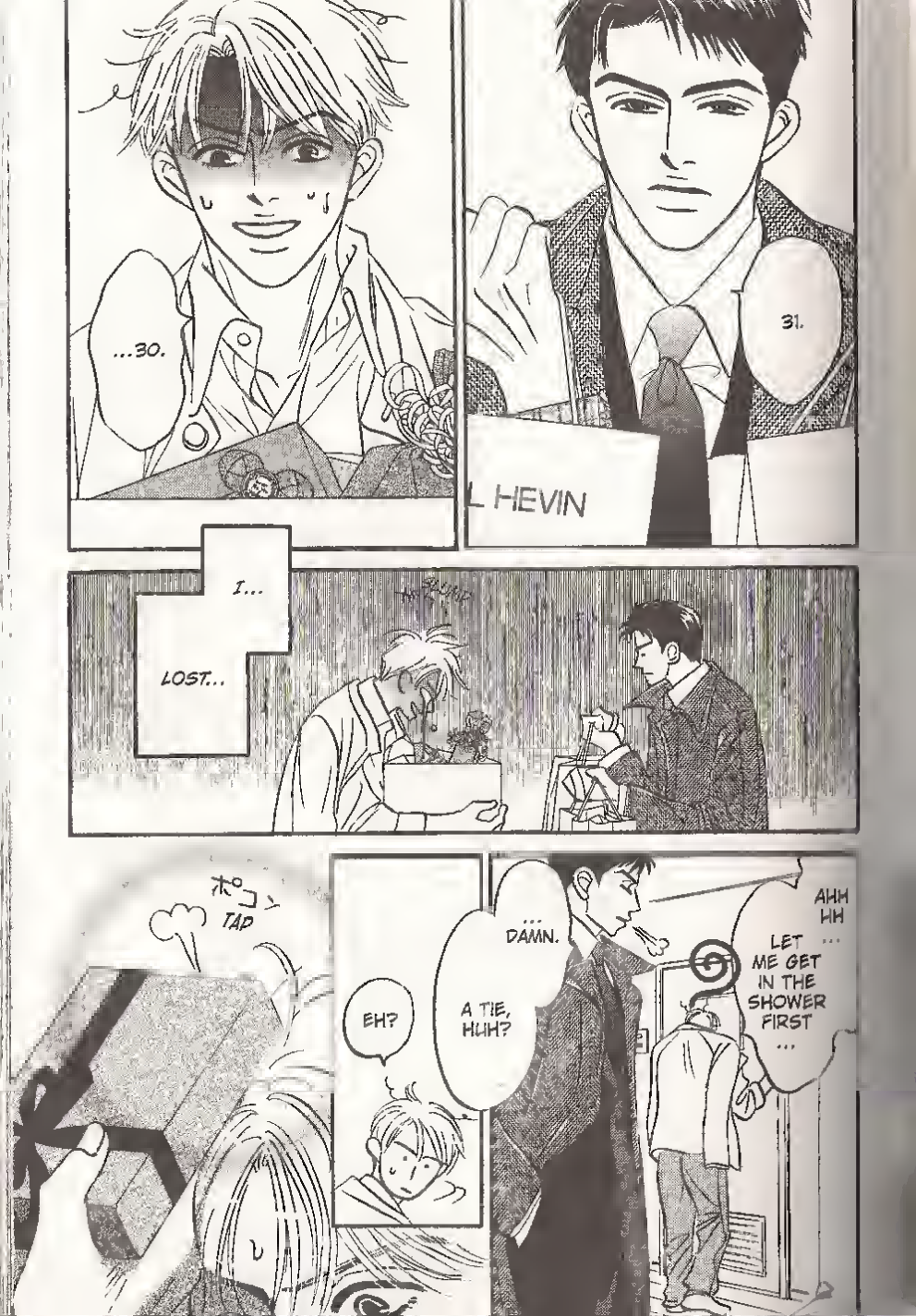
ACT.7


I FIRST LEARNED ABOUT VALENTINES DAY ABOUT TWENTY YEARS AGO.
NOT THAT I'M BRAGGING, BUT SINCE THEN NOT A YEAR'S GONE BY THAT I DIDN'T GET CHOCOLATE.

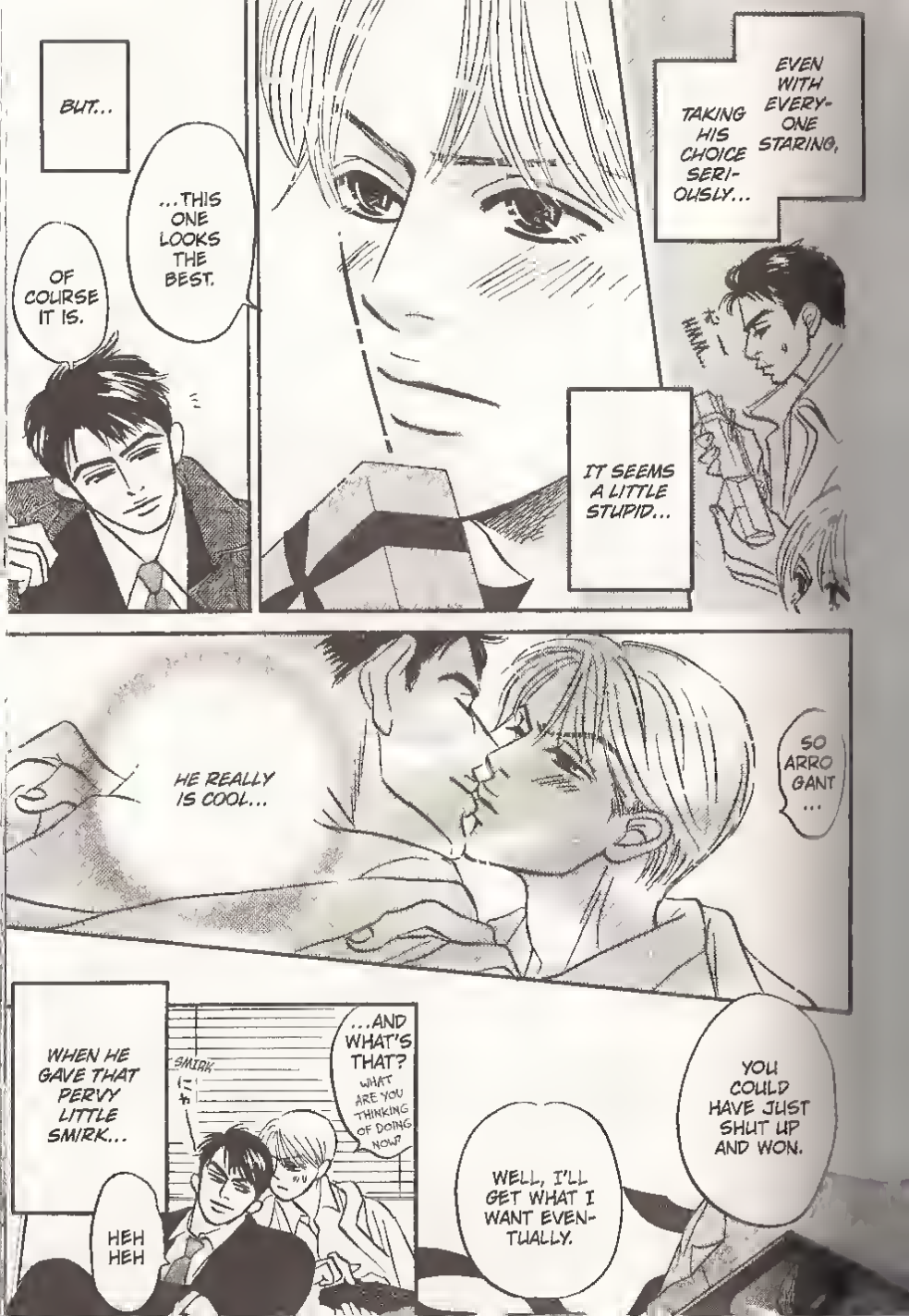

FLINCH
YEAH, SAME HERE.
ATSUSHI NAGAI, AGE 27.
KENZOU HONDA, AGE 26.
CAMIU
....
HERE YOU GO.
I DIDN'T THINK THAT VALENTINE'S DAY WOULD MATTER TO TWO GUYS.
WE'VE BEEN SEEING EACH OTHER FOR HALF A YEAR.
SHUN, THE SECOND OLDEST, WAS THE MOST POPULAR ONE THOUGH.
I ONLY HAVE BROTHERS, SO WE WERE VERY COMPETETIVE.
A CLEAR RIVAL MAKES HIS APPEARANCE!!
27 YEARS OF POPULARITY PRIDE ARE ON THE LINE!
OH WELL.
WHY DO YOU HATE TO LOSE SO MUCH?
PSHHHT
BUT THAT WAS WHEN WE WERE KIDS...
ALL RIGHT... IT'S ON, HONDA...
... NAGAI ? YOU LOOK SCARY

SO?
WHAT DO I GET IF I WIN?
...UM...
LET'S NOT AFTER ALL...
DO I GET TO DO WITH YOU WHATEVER I WANT?
FINE! YOU JUST BETTER BE READY IF I WIN!
YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY ALREADY?
HMMMM.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
HIS COMPANY HAS MORE WOMEN THAN MINE...AND HE'S IN SALES.
I'M JUST A GRADE SCHOOLER COMPARED TO HIM.
I KNEW I'D LOSE FROM THE BEGINNING.
STUPID. I KNEW THIS WAS STUPID.
I DIDN'T THINK I WAS SO CARELESS.

NO,... MORE...
I'M DYING...!
I REALLY MEANT IT!
AH,
AHH!
AHH...
N-A-G-A-I♡
TH-
THUMP!
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE LAST CHRIST-MAS...
NOT TO MENTION THAT SEX'S FIEND'S BOUNDLESS LUST REACHES FAR PAST MY IMAGINA-TION...
"DO WHAT I WANT WITH YOU?"
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING?
SIGH
FROM RECEP-TION. PLEASE EAT IT ♡
THIS IS FROM US IN SECOND FLOOR ACCOUNT-ING.
OH, AND THIS IS FROM ME. ♡
YES!
I HAVEN'T LOST YET!
OH, THANK YOU ♡


...30.
31.
L HEVIN
I...
LOST...
AHH HH ...
LET ME GET IN THE SHOWER FIRST ...
....
DAMN.
A TIE, HUH?
EH?
ポコ
TAP

WHAT IS THIS?
I BOUGHT IT ON MY WAY HOME FROM WORK.
HERE.
31.
...HUH?
... WELL, A LITTLE.
IS THAT GRAT-ITUDE I HEAR?
YOU MUST LOVE MAKING A SCENE.
... WEREN'T YOU EMBAR-RASSED?
I'M TRYING TO IMAGINE HONDA BUYING CHOCOLATE AMONG THE HORDES OF WOMEN.
WHAT'S A GUY DOING HERE?
IT'S A GUY! A GUY!
BUT AT LEAST
IT'S THE REAL THING.


BUT...
...THIS ONE LOOKS THE BEST.
OF COURSE IT IS.
IT SEEMS A LITTLE STUPID...
TAKING HIS CHOICE SERIOUSLY...
EVEN WITH EVERYONE STARING,
HE REALLY IS COOL...
SO ARROGANT...
WHEN HE GAVE THAT PERVY LITTLE SMIRK...
SMIRK
...AND WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING OF DOING NOW?
HEH HEH
WELL, I'LL GET WHAT I WANT EVENTUALLY.
YOU COULD HAVE JUST SHUT UP AND WON.

I THOUGHT OF PICKING UP A 32ND CHOCOLATE FOR HIM AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE...
HUH?
NO FAIR!
NEVER MIND.
DING DONG ♪
I'LL BUY IT, I'LL BUY IT!
YOU SPOILED BRAT!
TOSHIHISA SAITOU, AGE 25.
HERE, SEMPAI ♡
I'VE GOT 32.
I BOUGHT IT ON MY WAY. IT WAS EMBARRASSING
RE-JECTED.
OH? I GOT 45.
WHA?!
IN THE END IT WAS A TIE...
OR WAS IT?
END

ACT.8

ATSUSHI NAGAI

BORN ON APRIL 30TH
BLOOD TYPE B / 175 CM / 65KG
IT WAS NEVER MENTIONED IN THE STORY,
BUT HE HAS A LITTLE SISTER.

HMMMMMM?
HONDA PLAYS BASEBALL? I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT.
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I HATED WHEN MY FAVORITE TV SHOWS WERE INTERRUPTED BY BASEBALL NEWS.

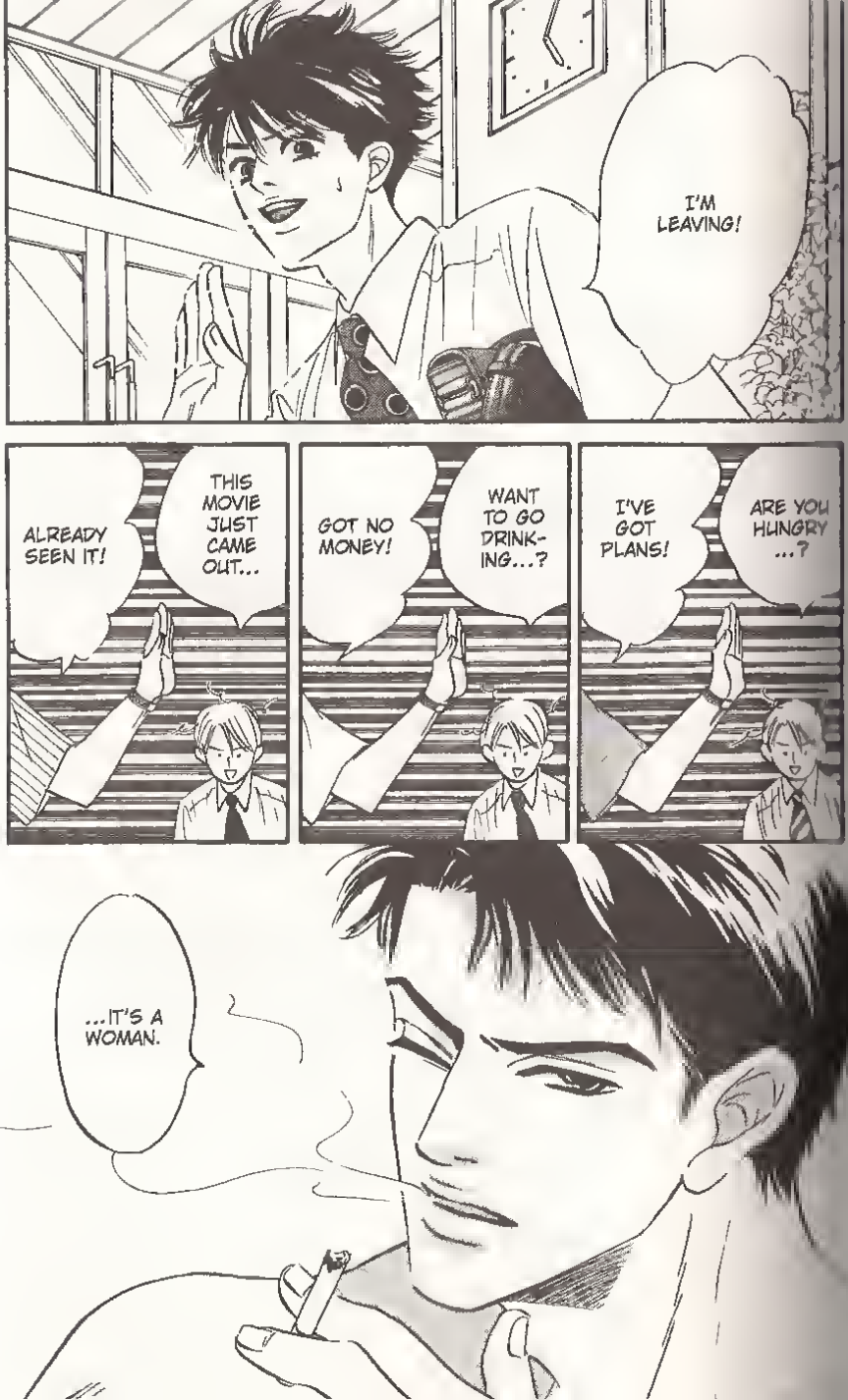
BUT IT SOUNDS FUN. OUR COMPANY DOESN'T HAVE A BASEBALL TEAM.
YOU WOULDN'T, RIGHT? HE'S NOT EXACTLY B.Y. YUMING OF THE BASEBALL FIELD, IS HE?
....
TO BE HONEST, EVEN NOW I DON'T REALLY LIKE THE SPORT.
HE DRAGS ME TO THE BATTING CENTER NEARLY EVERY NIGHT...
MY, HE MUST BE IN GOOD SPIRITS 'CAUSE THERE'S A GAME COMING UP.
HUH!?
PERVY OLD MAN
WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT FOR A YEAR NOW. HE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT THIS SEX FIEND IS REALLY A #4 LITTLE LEAGUER.
WHACK
... WELL, NAGAI, AT LEAST, ISN'T SO BAD AT NIGHT BATTING...
CRACKLE
.....
YOU SEE EACH OTHER EVERY NIGHT?

THAT'S RIGHT. HE WAS EATING WITH ME LAST NIGHT.
BUT TWO NIGHTS AGO, YES.
...NOT EVERY NIGHT, OF COURSE.
THIS SEAT IS FREEZING!
EX- EXCUSE ME!
.....
HE DEFINITELY REALIZES BY NOW.

CLANG
WH-WHAT?
ABOUT US!?
HE KNOWS, AND HE'S BUTTING IN ON PURPOSE.
NO WAY!
DON'T BE STUPID. YOU'RE OVERTHINKING. HE'S JUST LONELY 'CAUSE I SPEND ALL MY TIME WITH YOU NOW.
EVEN IF HE DID HAVE SOME IDEA, IF HE KNEW I WAS SEEING ANOTHER MAN, HE'D...
WHAT? YOU AND HONDA!?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
YOU'RE BOTH MEN.
GROSS!
DON'T LET YOUR OWN IMAGINATION DEPRESS YOU.
YOU'RE HOPELESS.
THIS TIME OF YEAR REMINDS ME OF WHEN SAITOU'S MARRIAGE WAS DECIDED.
THOUGH IT WAS ANCELLED IN THE END

HEY, SEMPAI?
BUT...
THERE WERE TIMES I THOUGHT I'D FORCE HIM TO BE MINE.
THERE WERE SO MANY TIMES I THOUGHT I'D TELL HIM.
WE SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE FOR OUR VACATION NEXT MONTH.
DO YOU WANT TO GO CLIMBING SOMETIME?
IN THEIR COLLEGE HIKING CLUB TOGETHER...
THIS IS GOOD.
I COULDN'T DIRTY MY BEAUTIFUL SAINT...!!
RING RING RING
YOU AND HONDA... REALLY ARE...
HONDA'S GAME...
OH NEXT MONTH IS...

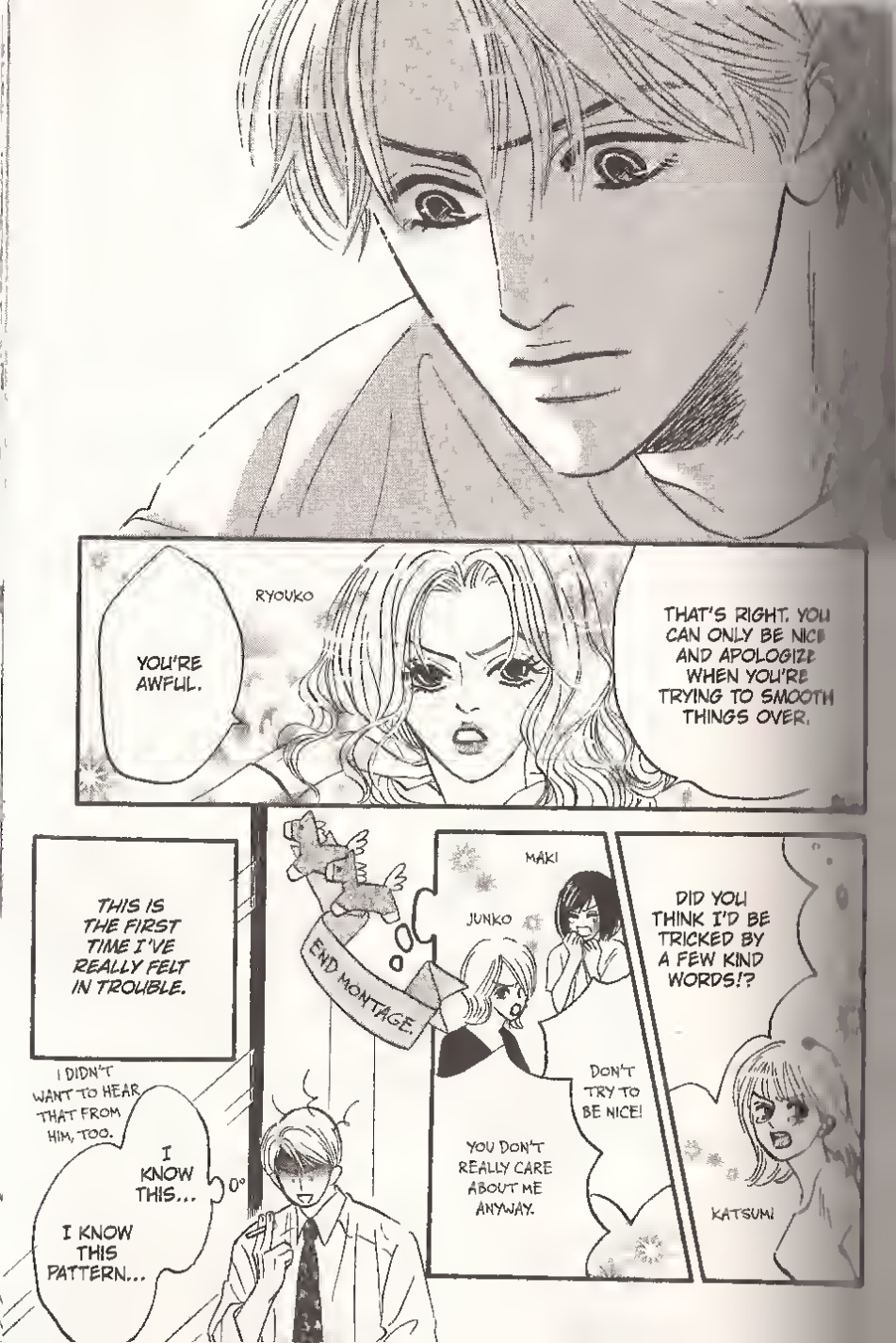
OH, EXCUSE ME.
JUST A SECOND.
YES.
YEAH... UH-HUH.
"REALLY ARE"?
ARE WHAT!?
WELL, RIGHT NOW I'M A LITTLE...
SEMPAI.
YES!?
HAS HE REALLY FOUND OUT!?
AFTER THAT...
OH... YEAH.
OKAY...
EXCUSE ME. LOOKS LIKE I HAVE PLANS NEXT MONTH AFTER ALL
WE'LL HAVE TO GO ANOTHER TIME.


I'M LEAVING!
ARE YOU HUNGRY ...?
I'VE GOT PLANS!
WANT TO GO DRINK-ING...?
GOT NO MONEY!
THIS MOVIE JUST CAME OUT...
ALREADY SEEN IT!
...IT'S A WOMAN.

WHAT HAS THAT HARLOT DONE TO MY TOSHIHISA
HE HASN'T TOLD ME ANYTHING...
IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE HE BROKE UP WITH REMI.
IT'S NOT STRANGE HE'D GET SOMEONE NEW.
...YOU THINK SO?
YOU'VE BEEN HIDING ME FROM HIM, TOO.
...A FATHER, HUH...
AH, SORRY, SORRY.
WHAT CAN I SAY? I FEEL LIKE A "FATHER OF THE BRIDE"...
A FATHER WHO SAYS HE WANTS HIS DAUGHTER TO BE HAPPY, WHILE REALLY WANTING HER TO COME BACK BECAUSE "SHE LOVES HER DADDY MORE."
...KENZOU~~

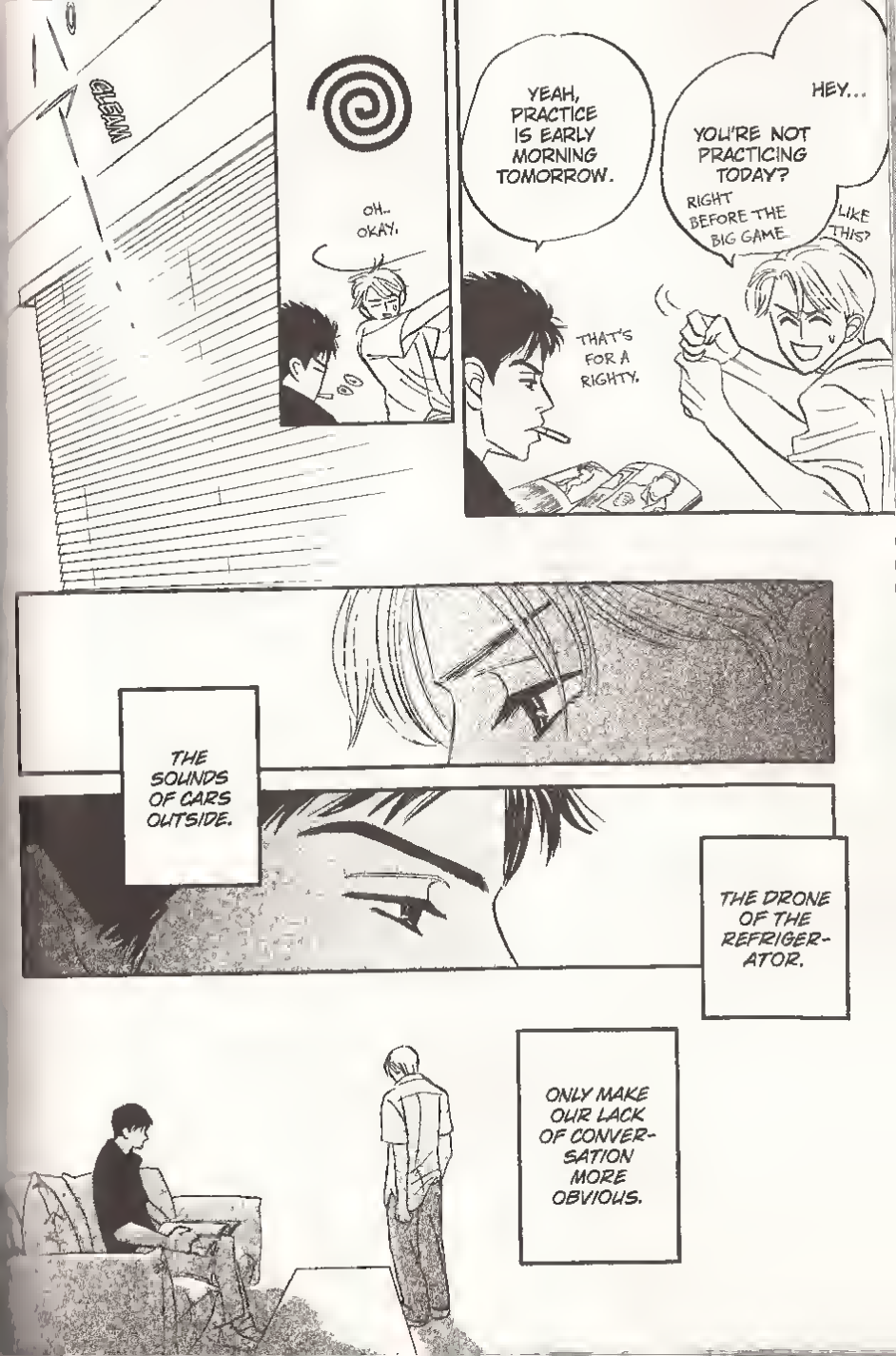
BESIDES, FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS DON'T DO THIS, RIGHT...?
YOU ALWAYS SULK LIKE THAT
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE HE ALWAYS TELLS ME FIRST WHEN HE HAS A NEW GIRL, AND THIS TIME HE HASN'T
....
KISS
KISS
KISS
KISS
SUCK
SUCK
SUCK
SUCK
...STOP.
LET'S STOP FOR TONIGHT.
IT'S BEEN ENOUGH.
WHAT ...

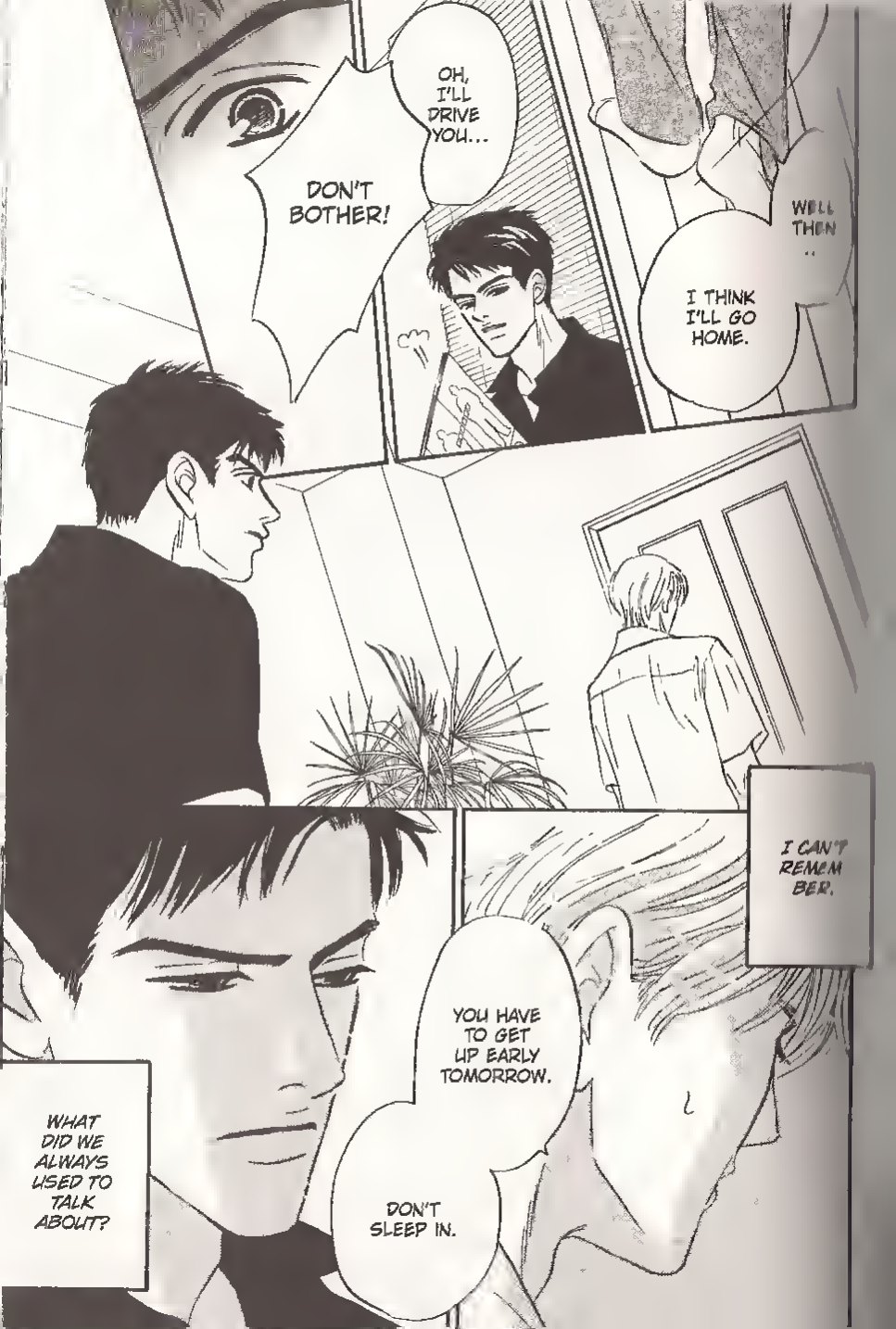
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE SEX PERVERT...!?
GOOD NIGHT.
I CAN'T PUT MY JAW BACK..
WE'VE FOUGHT A LOT UP UNTIL NOW.
REASONS FOR FIGHTING
OTHER
SAITOU 48%
NAGAI DRINKING TOO MUCH
HONDA BEING TOO PERVY
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE HE'S SULKED OVER SAITOU...
SORRY...
...DON'T APOLOGIZE IF DON'T SINCERELY BELIEVE YOU'VE DONE ANYTHING WRONG.


RYOUKO
YOU'RE AWFUL.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU CAN ONLY BE NICE AND APOLOGIZE WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO SMOOTH THINGS OVER.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE REALLY FELT IN TROUBLE.
I DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM HIM, TOO.
I KNOW THIS...
I KNOW THIS PATTERN...
END MONTAGE.
MAKI
JUNKO
DON'T TRY TO BE NICE!
YOU DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT ME ANYWAY.
DID YOU THINK I'D BE TRICKED BY A FEW KIND WORDS!?
KATSUMI

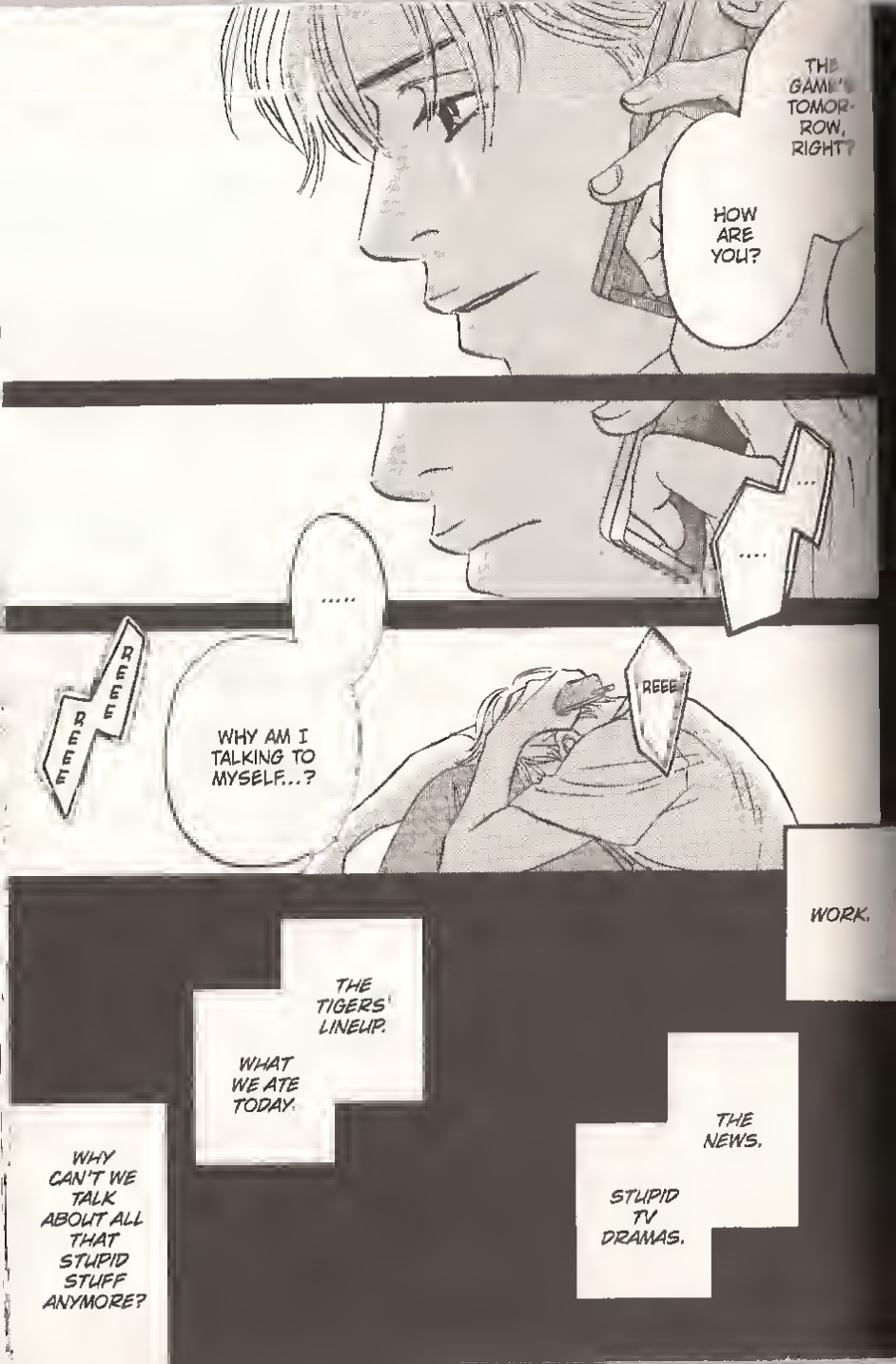
SEMPAI?
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU SEEM DOWN.
LEAN
EH!?
...YOU.
YOU'RE NOT HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME, ARE YOU...?
N-NOTHING!
IT'S A WOMAN.
FUUUU
IT'S NOT!
COUGH COUGH
NO~ IT'S A WOMAN.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
COUGH
ALL YOU DO IS LEAVE ME TO PLAY WITH HONDA.
SWOOSH
HONDA'S MATCH IS THIS SUNDAY, ISN'T IT?
AH HA HA...HE DODGED THE QUES-TION...

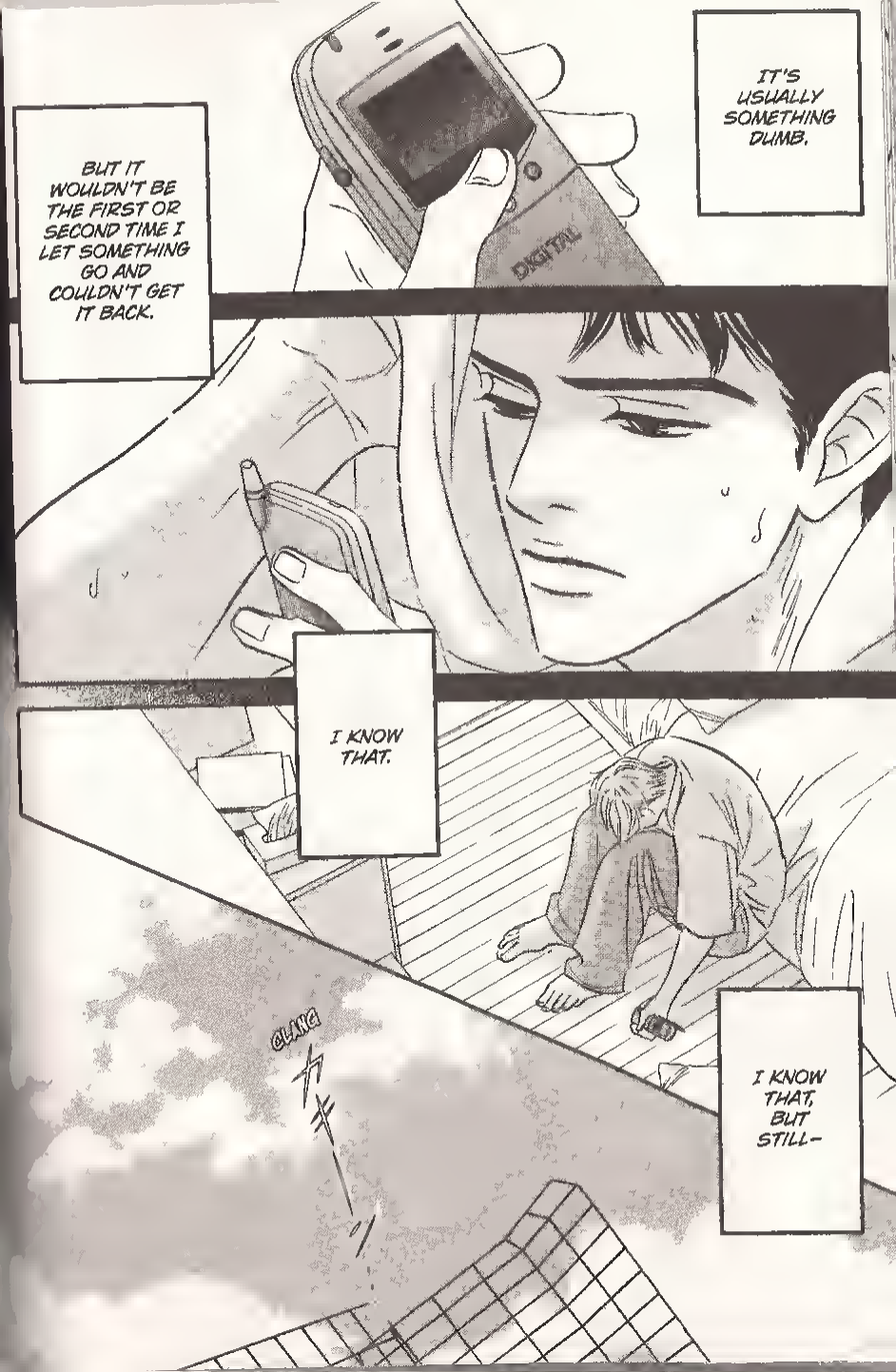
AFTER-WARDS... CAN WE MEET FOR A WHILE?
I KNOW YOU'RE BUSY, BUT...
...OKAY.
?
WHY DID HE SOUND SO FORMAL JUST NOW...?
HEY DAD, WE'RE GETTING MARRIED.
.....
DON'T FAIL THIS TIME!
WELL, WHAT CAN YOUR POOR FATHER SAY?
HEY, NOW!


CLEAM
OH... OKAY.
YEAH, PRACTICE IS EARLY MORNING TOMORROW.
HEY... YOU'RE NOT PRACTICING TODAY?
RIGHT BEFORE THE BIG GAME.
LIKE THIS?
THAT'S FOR A RIGHTY.
THE SOUNDS OF CARS OUTSIDE.
THE DRONE OF THE REFRIGERATOR.
ONLY MAKE OUR LACK OF CONVERSATION MORE OBVIOUS.


OH, I'LL DRIVE YOU...
DON'T BOTHER!
WELL THEN ..
I THINK I'LL GO HOME.
I CAN'T REMEMBER.
YOU HAVE TO GET UP EARLY TOMORROW.
DON'T SLEEP IN.
WHAT DID WE ALWAYS USED TO TALK ABOUT?

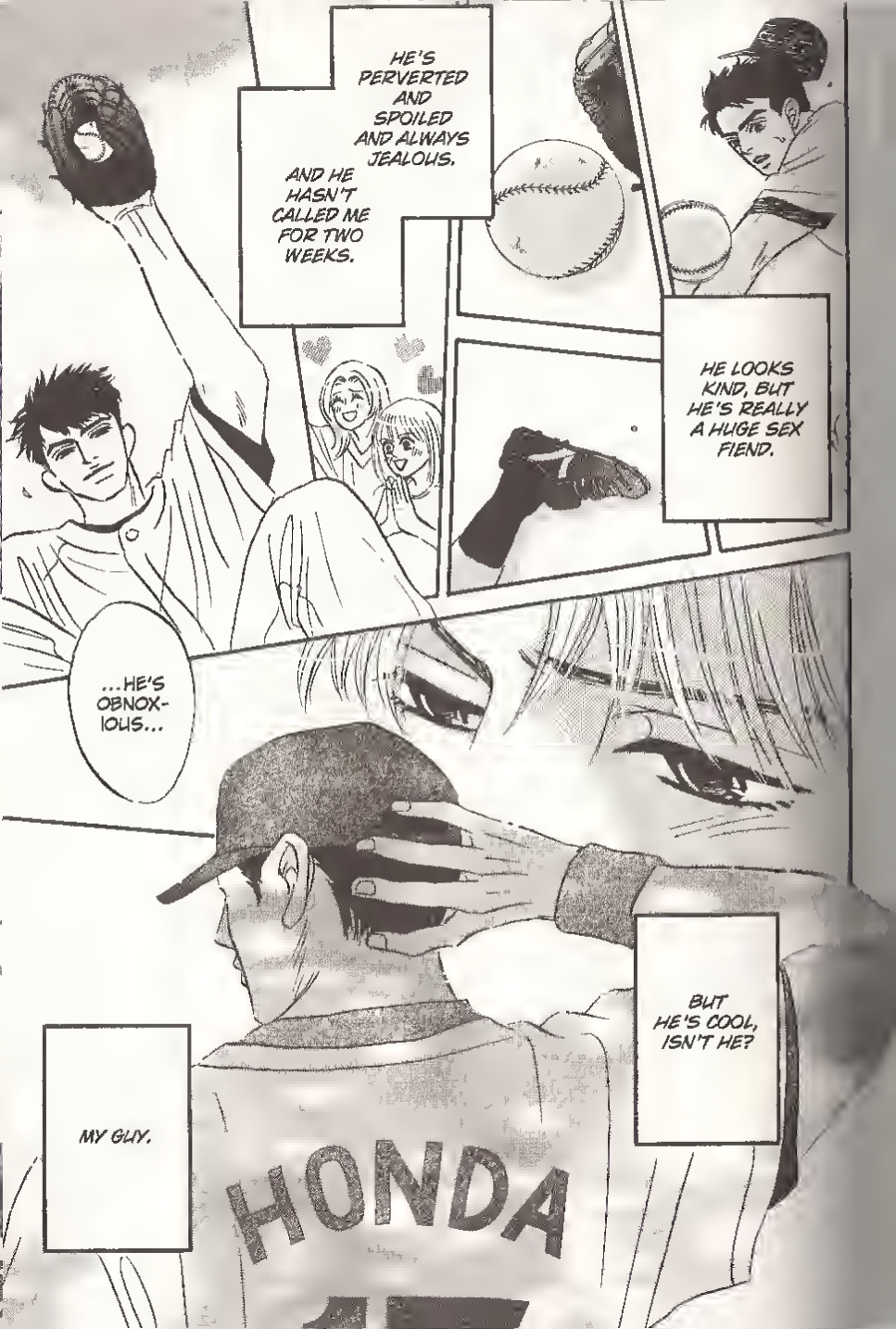
...GOOD NIGHT.
WAS HIS VOICE ALWAYS THIS LOW?
I'M SORRY. TOMORROW AT 3, OKAY?
I'M REALLY SORRY.
OKAY, OKAY.
TOMORROW, THEN.
REEE
REEE
REEE
...I SEE.
IT'S ALREADY TOMORROW...
...YEAH, IT'S ME.
ARE YOU ASLEEP ALREADY?


THE GAME'S TOMORROW, RIGHT?
HOW ARE YOU?
...
....
.....
WHY AM I TALKING TO MYSELF...?
REEE
REEE
REEE
WORK.
THE TIGERS' LINEUP.
WHAT WE ATE TODAY.
WHY CAN'T WE TALK ABOUT ALL THAT STUPID STUFF ANYMORE?
THE NEWS.
STUPID TV DRAMAS.


IT'S USUALLY SOMETHING DUMB.
BUT IT WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST OR SECOND TIME I LET SOMETHING GO AND COULDN'T GET IT BACK.
DIGITAL
I KNOW THAT.
I KNOW THAT, BUT STILL-
CLANG

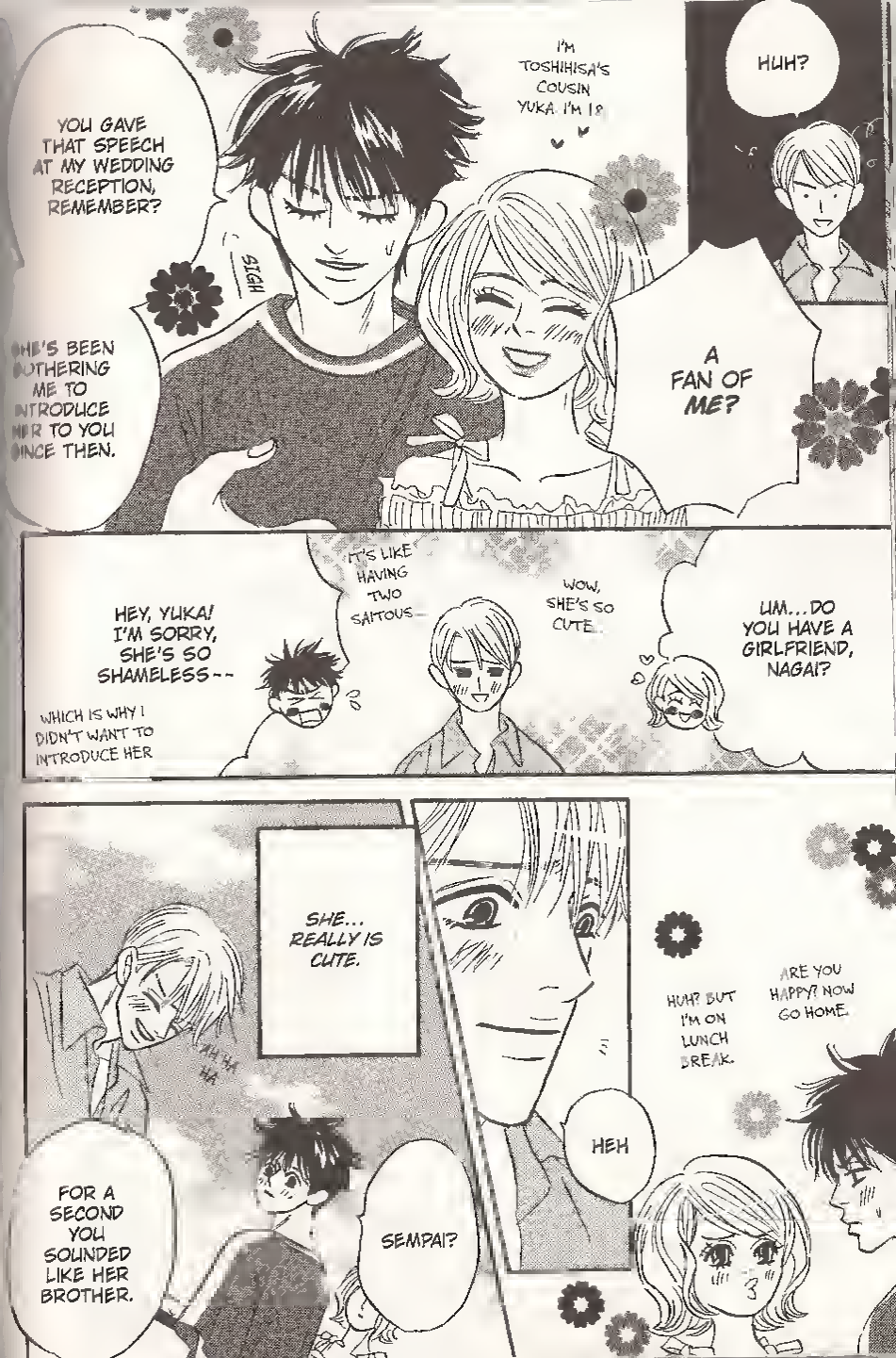
YAY! HONDA!
CLANG!
SMACK
WOOSH
YAY!
YAY!
HONDA
HONDA REALLY IS THE BEST.
I HEARD THAT IN LITTLE LEAGUE HE WAS A #4 BATTER, AND MADE IT ALL THE WAY TO NATIONALS.
THAT'S AMAZ-ING.

GOOD LUCK!
HONDA~
YAY!
YAY!
HE REALLY DIDN'T COME...
BUT DOESN'T HE SEEM...
KIND OF PISSED OFF?
OHH.
POPULAR AS ALWAYS.
≠
YOU REALLY ARE OLD~
DON'T BE FOOLED BY HIM, EVERYONE~
WOOSH
IT MAKES YOU LOOK OLD~
THE UNIFORM DOESN'T LOOK GOOD ON YOU~


HE'S PERVERTED AND SPOILED AND ALWAYS JEALOUS.
AND HE HASN'T CALLED ME FOR TWO WEEKS.
HE LOOKS KIND, BUT HE'S REALLY A HUGE SEX FIEND.
...HE'S OBNOX-IOUS...
BUT HE'S COOL, ISN'T HE?
MY GUY.
HONDA

NAGA! SEMPAI!
I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT KNOWS...
THAT THE COOLEST PART OF HIM IS HIS NAKED BACK.

SORRY I'M LATE.
DID HONDA'S TEAM WIN?
YEAH, HE RAN THREE HOMERS.
WOW, THAT'S GREAT.
WHOA, HE REALLY BROUGHT SOMEONE.
...UM...
...ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
...PLEASE LIVE HAPPILY...
HUH?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!


YOU GAVE THAT SPEECH AT MY WEDDING RECEPTION, REMEMBER?
SIGH
SHE'S BEEN BOTHERING ME TO INTRODUCE HER TO YOU SINCE THEN.
I'M TOSHIHISA'S COUSIN YUKA. I'M 18.
HUH?
A FAN OF ME?
HEY, YUKA! I'M SORRY, SHE'S SO SHAMELESS--
WHICH IS WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO INTRODUCE HER
IT'S LIKE HAVING TWO SAITOUS--
WOW, SHE'S SO CUTE.
UM... DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, NAGAI?
SHE... REALLY IS CUTE.
AH HA HA
FOR A SECOND YOU SOUNDED LIKE HER BROTHER.
SEMPAI?
HEH
HUH? BUT I'M ON LUNCH BREAK.
ARE YOU HAPPY? NOW GO HOME.

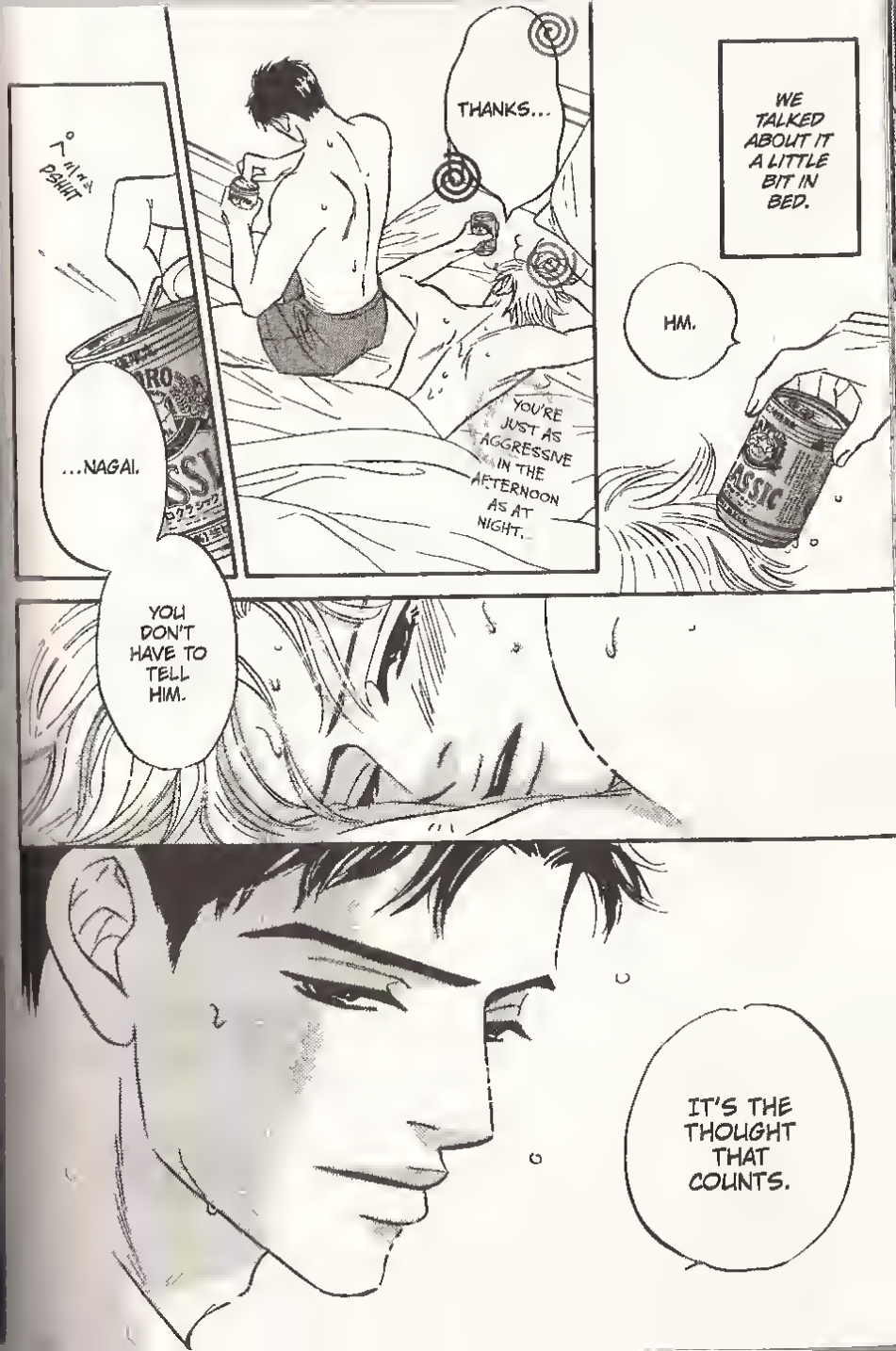
WILL YOU HATE ME, SAITOU?
...I DON'T HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND...
BUT THERE IS SOMEONE I LOVE.
HE MUST HATE ME
BUT I...
HAA
HAA
HAA
...YOU CAME.

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM.
NOT THIS TIME...
EEEK!
HE'S SO COOL!
.....
HA HA... EVEN HE HAS TO LOOK TOUGH SOMETIMES...
HM, SAITOU'S GOT IT ROUGH.
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE
BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME!

ABOUT US.
...HEY.
I'M GOING TO TELL SAITOU.
I'M SORRY.
I'M SPOILED, BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS FORGIVE ME.
I REALLY DO FEEL BAD ABOUT THAT.
WE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT IT AFTER THAT.
...I'M...
REALLY GLAD YOU CAME TODAY.

HAA
NOT THAT I MIND THE SWEAT-STAINED SHIRT, BUT...
HAA
HAA
HAA
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO ANAL...
...!!
SALTY ...
...HEY.
MINE.
THIS IS MY...

HAA
HAA
AH...
AHH!
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
M... MORE...
M...
HAA
HAA
ATSUSHI ...
AH...
WE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT IT AFTER THAT, EITHER.


WE TALKED ABOUT IT A LITTLE BIT IN BED.
HM.
THANKS...
YOU'RE JUST AS AGGRESSIVE IN THE AFTERNOON AS AT NIGHT.
...NAGAI.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL HIM.
IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS.

RATTLE
THUNK
CLACK
F-SHHHH
SIGH
DING DONG
cheep
cheep

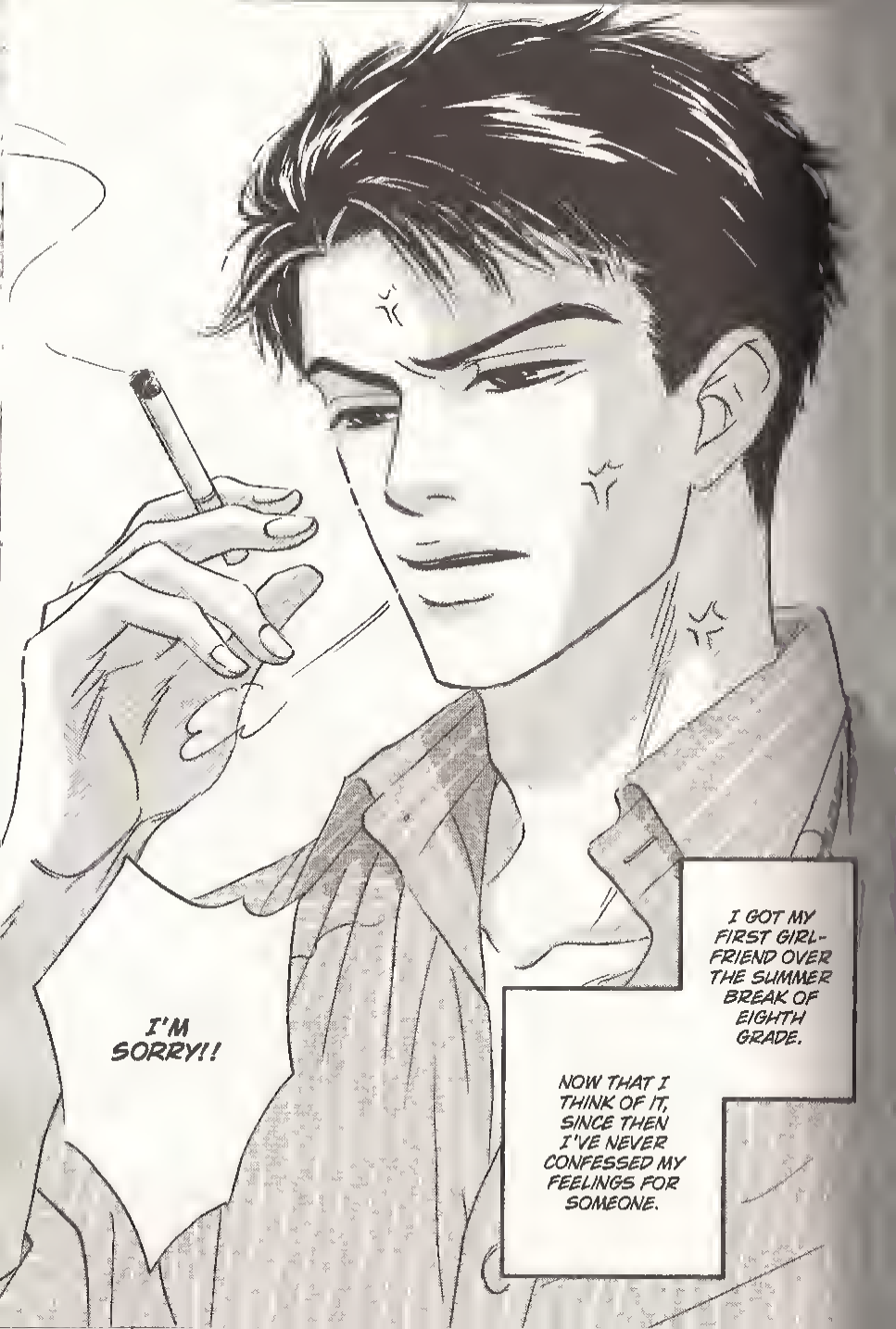
SHE DID!
GOOD MORNING!
OH... HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR COUSIN? DID SHE GO HOME?
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU!
SEMPAI!
GOOD MORNING
....
WHO IS THIS PERSON YOU LOVE!?
URP
AFTER THAT, HONDA DIDN'T TALK TO ME FOR A WEEK...
YOU?
UMM... WELL, IT'S...
AH...
END

ACT.9

KENZOU HONDA

BORN ON NOV.5TH
BLOOD TYPE O / 180 CM / 72KG

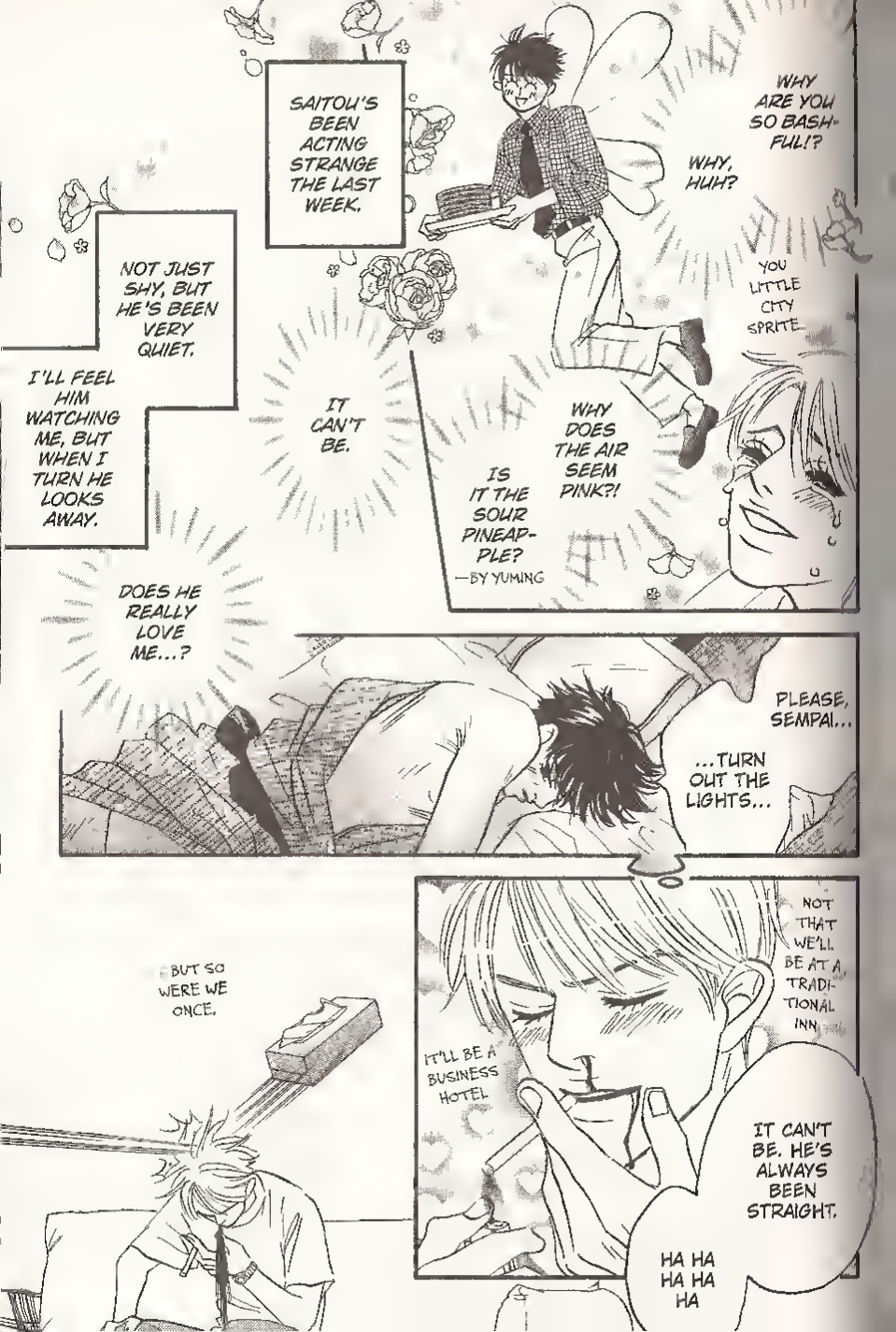
IN THE FIRST VOLUME, THE AUTHOR WAS INSTRUCTED BY THE EDITOR TO PRODUCE A CHARACTER SPLASH PAGE OF HONDA. THE PAGE LAYOUT ENTAILED A FULL BODY SHOT AND 3 COMIC PANELS. THIS IS COMMONLY USED TO INTRODUCE A CHARACTER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY WITH IMPACT.


I'M SORRY!!
I GOT MY FIRST GIRL-FRIEND OVER THE SUMMER BREAK OF EIGHTH GRADE.
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, SINCE THEN I'VE NEVER CONFESSED MY FEELINGS FOR SOMEONE.

YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT, DAMNIT...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
BUT I'VE NEVER INITIATED A BREAK UP CONVERSATION, EITHER.
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN DUMPED
I'M SORRY!
I'M VERY SORRY!
GOMEN NASAI!
ENTSCHULDIGUNG!
FWOO
...NO, I...
JUST REACTED...
I CAN SEE MY BREAKUP RECORD RISING...
SEMPAI.
WHO IS IT THAT YOU LOVE?
!
YOU?

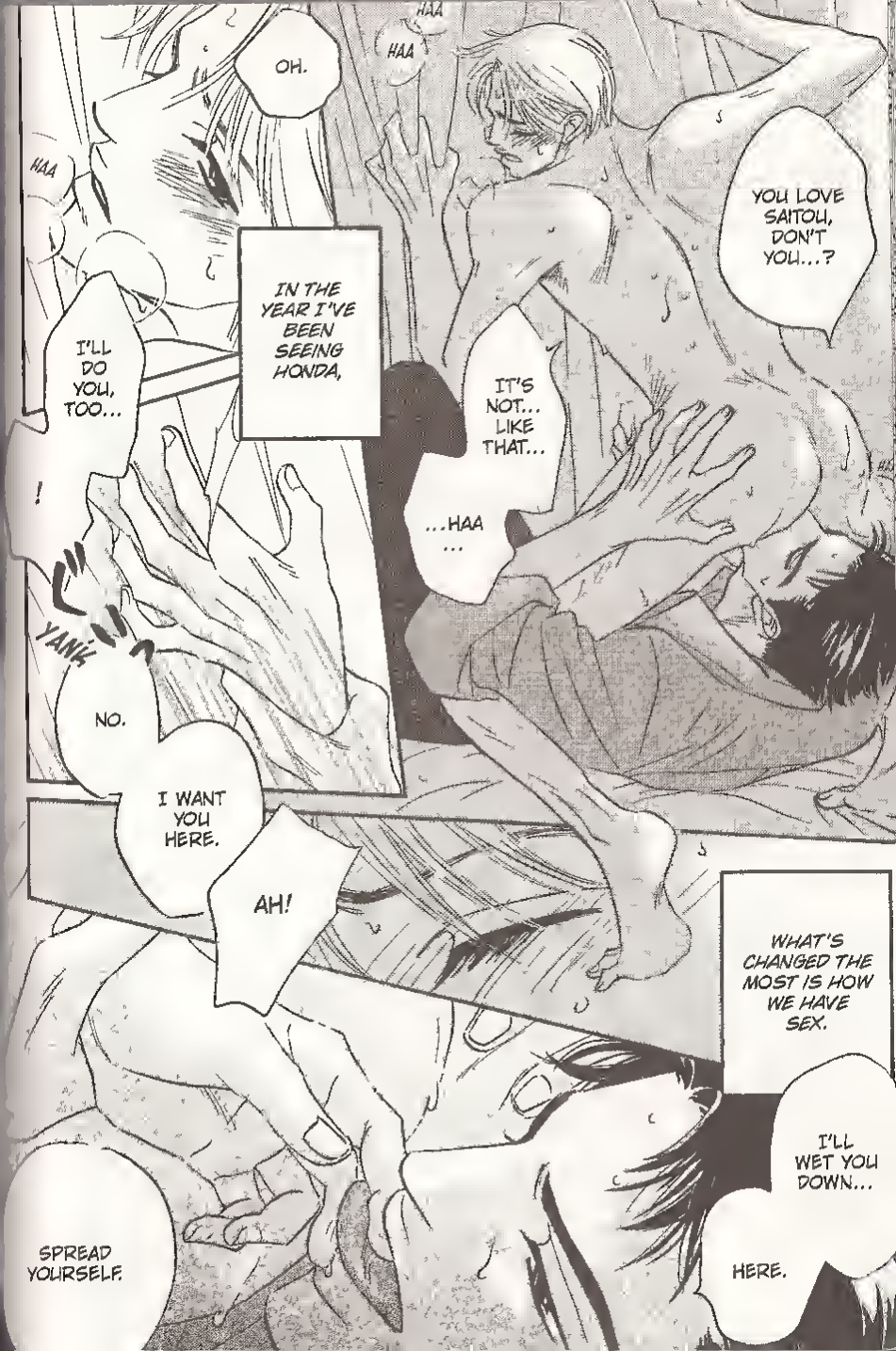
ME TOO!
!!
...WE FINALLY MADE UP...
COULD IT BE THAT WE FIGHT MORE THAN WE DO IT...?
I REALLY MADE HIM MAD.
MR. NAGAI~~
UGH.
TALLY MARKS
CHIEF KUMAGAI WANTS TO SEE YOU~~
I WON'T BE ABLE TAKE THE BUSINESS TRIP TO OSAKA TOMORROW BECAUSE SOMETHING URGENT CAME UP.
HOWDY, NAGAI.
ATSUSHI NAGAI, AGE 28.
HOWEVER MUDDY HIS PRIVATE LIFE MAY BE, HE'S THE "NICE GUY" OF THE GENERAL AFFAIRS SECTION WHOSE SMILE NEVER FALTERS.
HOWDY YOURSELF
...SOMETHING URGENT?
BUT OUR OSAKA OFFICE WILL BE EXPECTING OUR CHIEF...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S ALL RIGHT.
IT'S MORE TO HELP SET UP THE CONFERENCE THAN AN ACTUAL BUSINESS TRIP.

HUH?
YOU'RE COMING, TOO?
HE'S PROBABLY ONLY DECIDING THIS BECAUSE HE'S GOING TO PLAY GOLF OR SOMETHING.
HAHA... I'M HONORED.
THEY'LL BE GLAD IF IT'S YOU THAT COMES ANYWAY.
YOU'RE SO POPULAR
I'VE HAD A HARD TIME EVER SINCE MY NEW BOSS TRANSFERRED IN FROM OSAKA.
WHAT, YOU, TOO?
THAT'S RIGHT! BECAUSE WE'RE SHORT-HANDED.
BUT IT'S STRANGE THAT THEY'D SEND US TOGETHER.
DON'T BE DUMB. IT'S ONLY 'CAUSE YOU TOLD HIM YOU HAVE A WEEKEND FREE.
WELL, I GUESS IT IS A BIG EVENT FOR OUR COMPANY...
AH!
PAH!
BLUSH
...IT'LL BE OUR FIRST BUSINESS TRIP TOGETHER.


SAITOU'S BEEN ACTING STRANGE THE LAST WEEK.
NOT JUST SHY, BUT HE'S BEEN VERY QUIET.
I'LL FEEL HIM WATCHING ME, BUT WHEN I TURN HE LOOKS AWAY.
DOES HE REALLY LOVE ME...?
IT CAN'T BE.
WHY DOES THE AIR SEEM PINK?!
IS IT THE SOUR PINEAPPLE?
—BY YUMING
WHY, HUH?
WHY ARE YOU SO BASHFUL!?
YOU LITTLE CITY SPRITE.
PLEASE, SEMPAI...
...TURN OUT THE LIGHTS...
IT'LL BE A BUSINESS HOTEL
NOT THAT WE'LL BE AT A TRADITIONAL INN
IT CAN'T BE. HE'S ALWAYS BEEN STRAIGHT.
HA HA HA HA HA
BUT SO WERE WE ONCE.

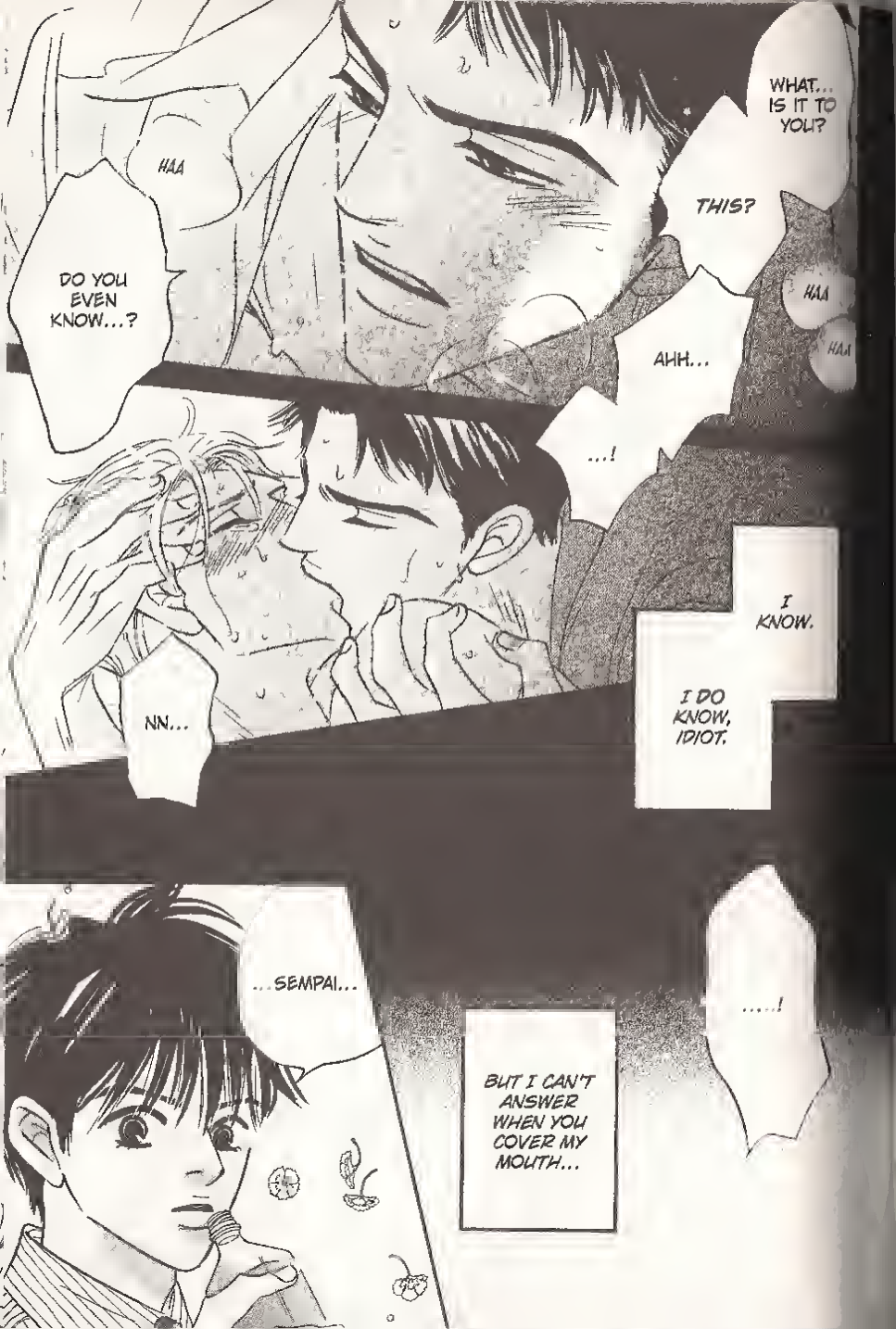
IT'S FOR WORK! WORK!
THE OTHER SECTION HEADS ARE GOING, TOO! NO FUNNY BUSINESS AT ALL! HA HA HA HA HA.
...SAITOU'S GOING WITH ME...
SO UM...
I'M LEAVING FOR OSAKA TOMORROW.
....
I'LL BRING YOU BACK SOME TAKOYAKI
....
...HA...
HAHA ...
...YOU'RE FINALLY FACING ME...

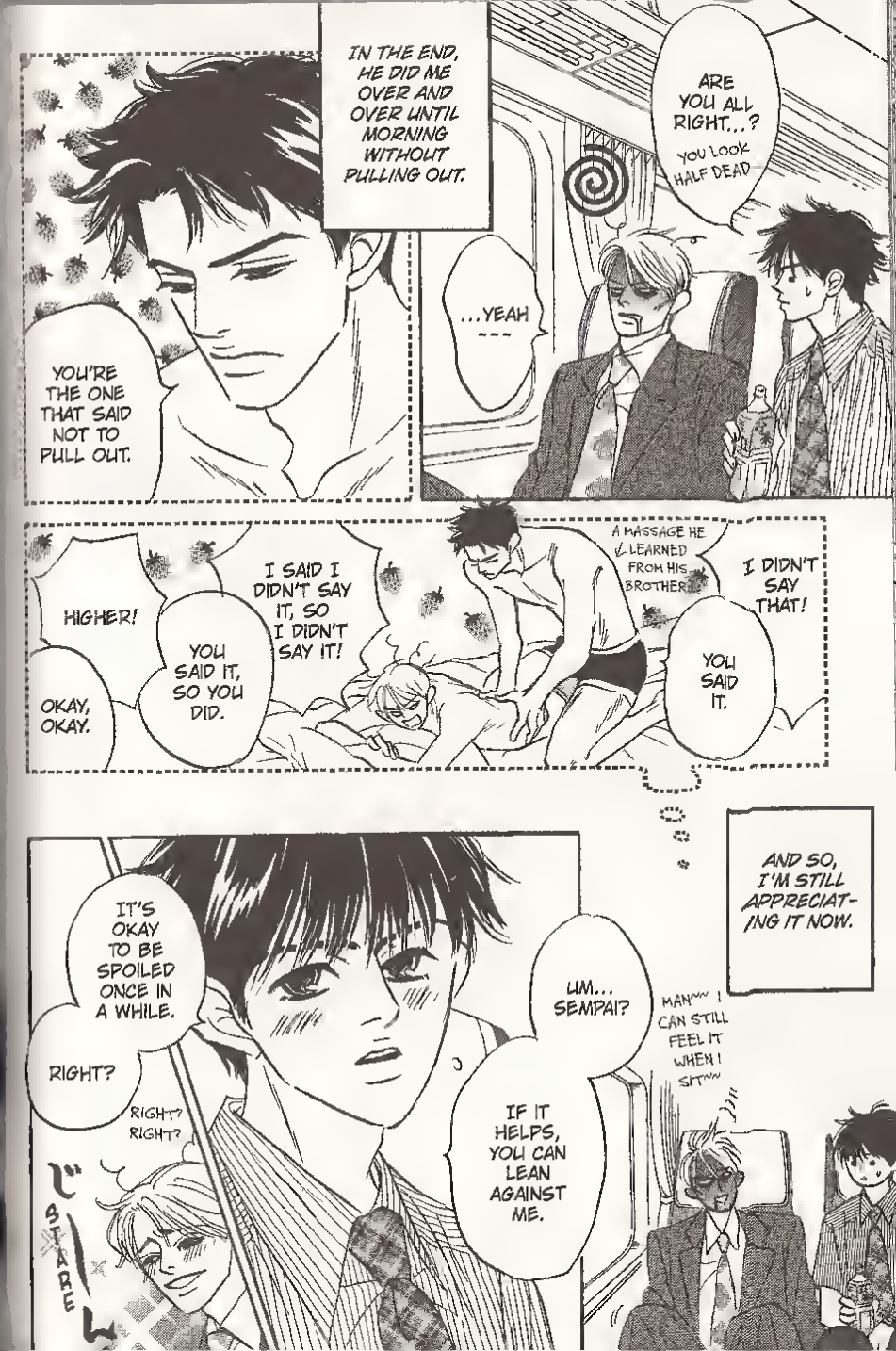
COME HERE.
JUST WHEN I WAS FEELING RELIEVED, THE BACK OF MY THROAT CLOSED UP.
...YOU WANT TO BREAK UP WITH ME...?
I... DIDN'T SAY THAT...
...HM...


OH.
HAA
HAA
HAA
YOU LOVE SAITOU, DON'T YOU...?
IT'S NOT... LIKE THAT...
...HAA ...
IN THE YEAR I'VE BEEN SEEING HONDA,
I'LL DO YOU, TOO...
!
YANK
NO.
I WANT YOU HERE.
AH!
WHAT'S CHANGED THE MOST IS HOW WE HAVE SEX.
I'LL WET YOU DOWN...
HERE.
SPREAD YOURSELF.

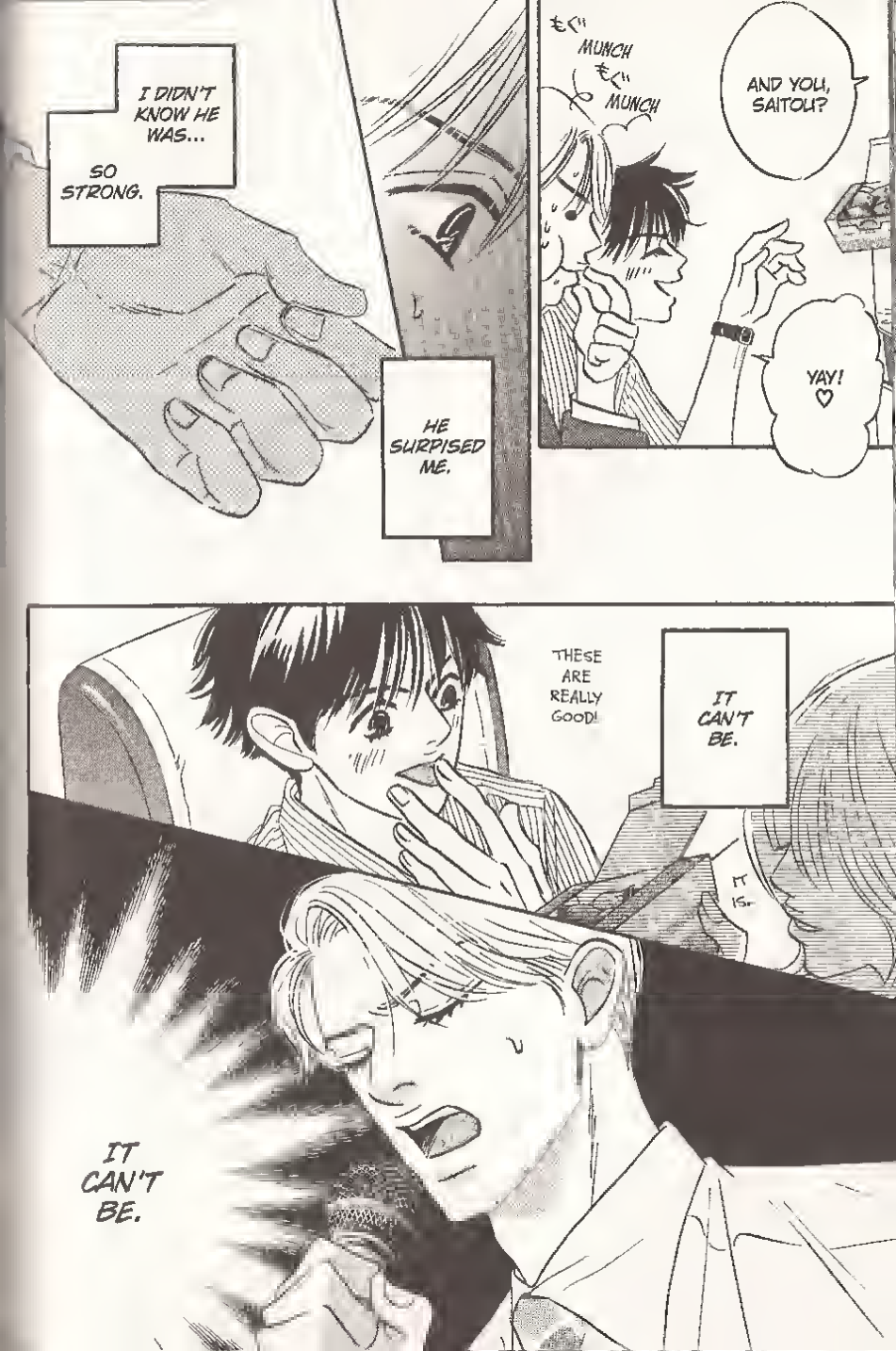
AH!
I USED TO THINK HE WOULD MAKE LOVE TO ME TO CURE MY INSECURITY AND DISTRESS.
LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.
DON'T YOU TOUCH YOURSELF WHEN YOU'RE ALONE?
....NN,
YOU... SEX FIEND...
BUT HE DOESN'T DO THAT ANYMORE.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T SLIPPED IN A FINGER IN PLACE OF ME ALL WEEK?
...AH...
DON'T BE STUPID ...!
...ONE MORE.
HA...
I'M BEING EXPOSED.
HAA
HAA
...NN...
HAA

EVEN THOUGH EVERY PART OF ME ALREADY KNOWS...
HAA
PUT IT IN...
HAA
...IN.
...NO.
HONDA...!
I CAN'T REACH ...
HAA
...AHH.
AH,
AHH,
I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANYTHING DEEPER THAN THIS.
...NN
DID I REACH ...?
...AHH...
HAA
HAA


HAA
DO YOU EVEN KNOW...?
NN...
WHAT... IS IT TO YOU?
THIS?
HAA
HAA
AHH...
...!
I KNOW.
I DO KNOW, IDIOT.
...SEMPAI...
BUT I CAN'T ANSWER WHEN YOU COVER MY MOUTH...
.....!


IN THE END, HE DID ME OVER AND OVER UNTIL MORNING WITHOUT PULLING OUT.
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT SAID NOT TO PULL OUT.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...? YOU LOOK HALF DEAD
...YEAH
I DIDN'T SAY THAT!
A MASSAGE HE LEARNED FROM HIS BROTHER
I SAID I DIDN'T SAY IT, SO I DIDN'T SAY IT!
YOU SAID IT.
HIGHER!
YOU SAID IT, SO YOU DID.
OKAY, OKAY.
AND SO, I'M STILL APPRECIATING IT NOW.
UM... SEMPAI?
IF IT HELPS, YOU CAN LEAN AGAINST ME.
MANww I CAN STILL FEEL IT WHEN I SITww
IT'S OKAY TO BE SPOILED ONCE IN A WHILE.
RIGHT?
RIGHT? RIGHT?
じ STARE し

...DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME.
AND I'M THE ONE WHO SPOILED HIM MOST.
DO-
DON'T BE SILLY! LOOK WHO'S TALKING, MR. #1 RANKED SPOILED JUNIOR...
POKE
...SAITOU...
NAGAI, WOULD YOU LIKE SOME CHOCO-LATE?
YES, YES!

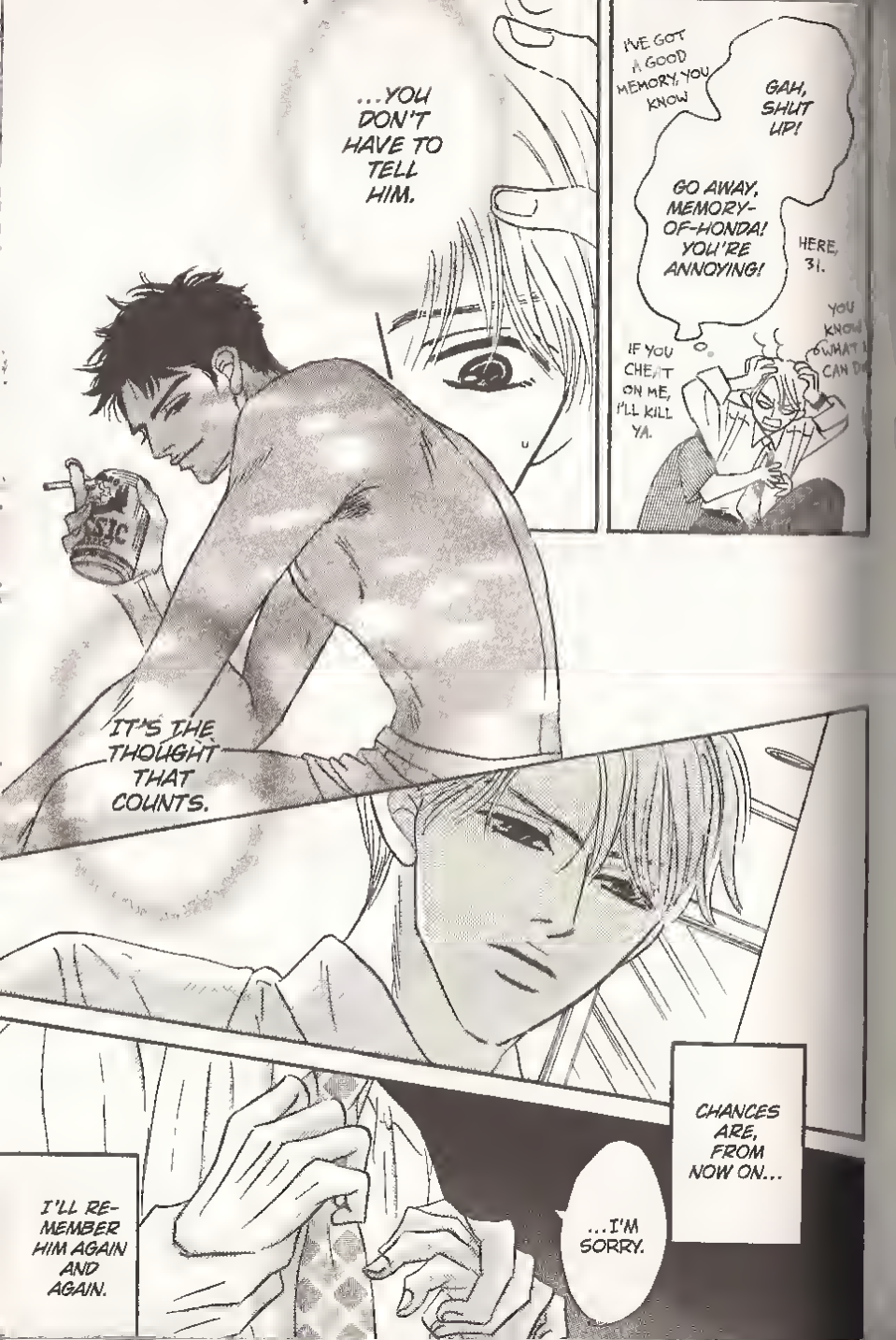

I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS...
SO STRONG.
HE SURPISED ME.
MUNCH MUNCH
AND YOU, SAITOU?
YAY! ♡
THESE ARE REALLY GOOD!
IT CAN'T BE.
IT IS.
IT CAN'T BE.

DOES HE LOVE ME!?
EE! NAGAI! ♡
DOES HE REALLY!?
KYAA!
KYAA-!
CONFERENCE AFTER PARTY.
YOU WERE REALLY GREAT ♡
SING ONE OF KEN HIRAI'S NEXT~~ ♡
HUFF
GASP
WHEEZE
AH, SORRY.
I ONLY KNOW YUMING'S SONGS.
THAT WAS YUMING ?
WE'RE REALLY LUCKY THAT NAGAI CAME ALONG ♡
HA HA HA
HE REALLY IS HATED, HA HA!
CHIEF KUMAGAI WOULDN'T HAVE GONE UP NO MATTER WHAT WE SAID.
...HUH? SAITOU'S ...
WHERE'S SAITOU ...?

MMNNN
WE'RE GOING BACK, MR TOSHIHISA.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING~~?
EEK!
SAITOU!
HMM~~?
OH, SEMPAI.
DIZZED
A KISS FOR SEMPAI, TOO~~ ♡
MNNN! MNNN! MNNN!
HUH~~~?
WHERE AM I~~~?
THIS ISN'T MY FUTON~~~
I'M TAKING OFF YOUR SHOES, SO GO TO BED
IT'S A HOTEL.

I AM MAD.
HUH~~? SEMPAI, ARE YOU MAD~~?
...NOW LISTEN,
WE CAME HERE FOR WORK, NOT TO MESS AROUND. YOU KNOW?
YOU'RE LUCKY NO ONE FROM OUR COMPANY SAW YOU.
OR IF YOU'RE GONNA DO IT, TRY TO BE INCONSPICUOUS.
OR NOT KISS AT ALL.
.....
BUT YOU WON'T LOOK AFTER ME...
ううぅ!
HIYA!
YOU ALWAYS RESORT TO BEING CUTE!
YOU'RE SO CUTE, YOU STUPID STUPID STUPID.
YOU WERE JUST AS SWEET TO THAT GIRL JUST NOW, RIGHT?
GAH!
RING...
AHA!
IT MUST BE THAT GIRL.
RING
RING

STAY HERE...
RING
DON'T GO.
RING
RING
HUH?
H...HEY,
YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK...
RING
I'M PERFECTLY SOBER.
I REMEMBER THAT KISS... JUST FINE...
HUH?
BUT WE'VE BEEN BEST FRIENDS SINCE COLLEGE...
SO DID WE.
BUT SINCE WHEN? HE'S HAD GIRLFRIENDS.
BUT WE'RE BOTH GUYS.
AND YOU LOVED HIM THAT ENTIRE TIME.
SO ARE WE.


...YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL HIM.
I'VE GOT A GOOD MEMORY, YOU KNOW
GAH, SHUT UP!
GO AWAY, MEMORY-OF-HONDA! YOU'RE ANNOYING!
HERE, 31.
IF YOU CHEAT ON ME, I'LL KILL YA.
YOU KNOW WHAT I CAN DO
IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS.
CHANCES ARE, FROM NOW ON...
...I'M SORRY.
I'LL REMEMBER HIM AGAIN AND AGAIN.

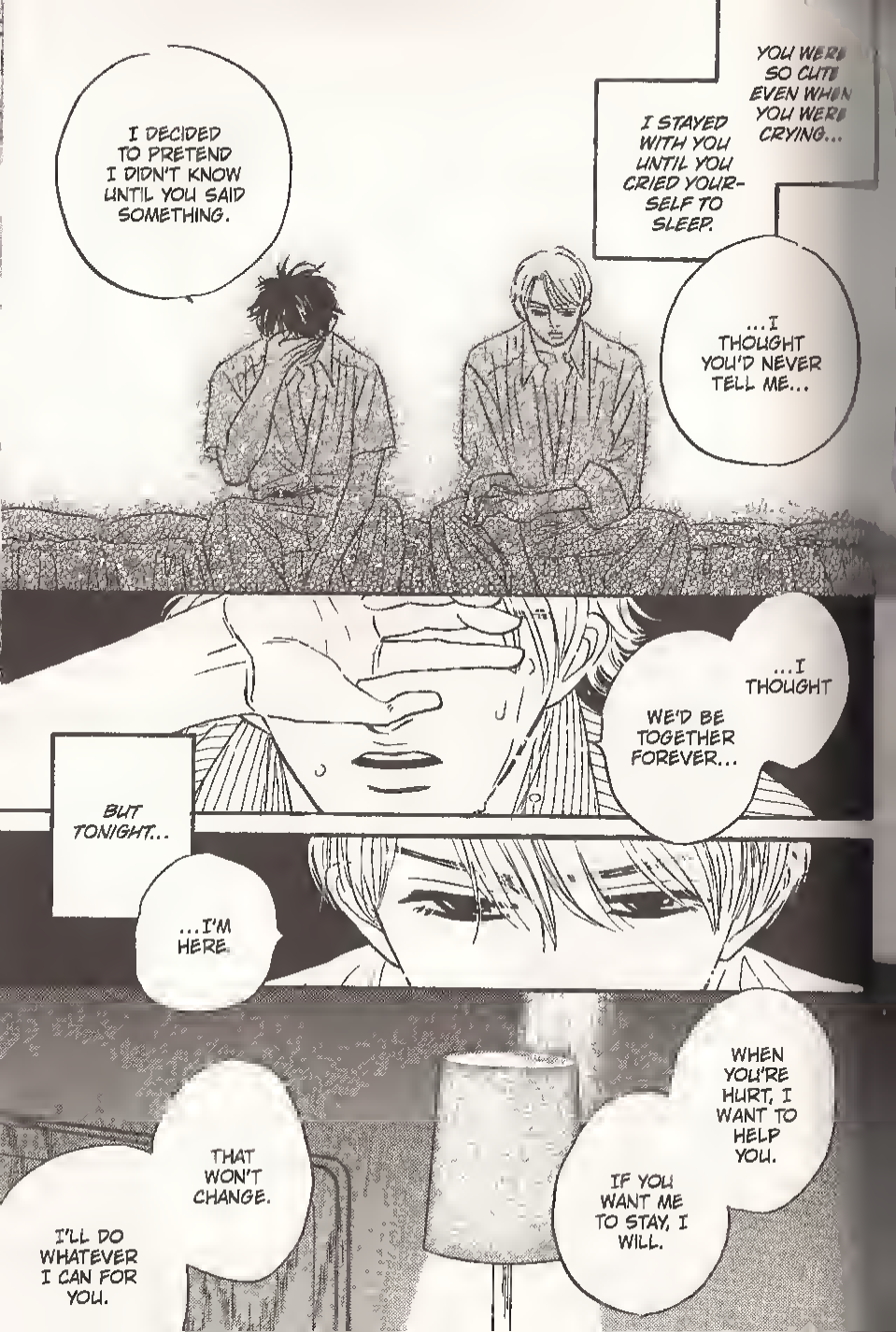
I WANT TO ANSWER YOU.
I'VE BEEN KEEPING IT FROM YOU FOR A LONG TIME,
BUT I'VE BEEN SEEING HONDA.
IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, I WANT TO ANSWER TRUTHFULLY-
SO-
I KNOW.
HUH?

DID YOU THINK I DIDN'T KNOW?
SAI-
NN...
WHY AM I TIED UP?
EVEN HONDA'S ONLY DONE THAT ONCE!
AH!
HEY WAIT!
HOW LONG HAS HE KNOWN...?
...AH, THAT FEELS GOOD...
HEY...
AH...
WAH!
HEY, SAITOU-
THUNK

...NN!
AND THESE LOOK DARKER THAN THE LAST TIME I SAW THEM...
...AH...
THIS MARK... WAS LEFT BY HONDA, WASN'T IT?
HOW ANNOY-ING...
IS THAT HONDA'S FAULT...?
...STO...
STOP THAT!
YOU WERE A SEX FIEND ALL ALONG, TOO, SAITOU?
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU!
...BUT,
IT FEELS GOOD, RIGHT?
ISN'T THAT WHY YOU'RE SEEING HIM?

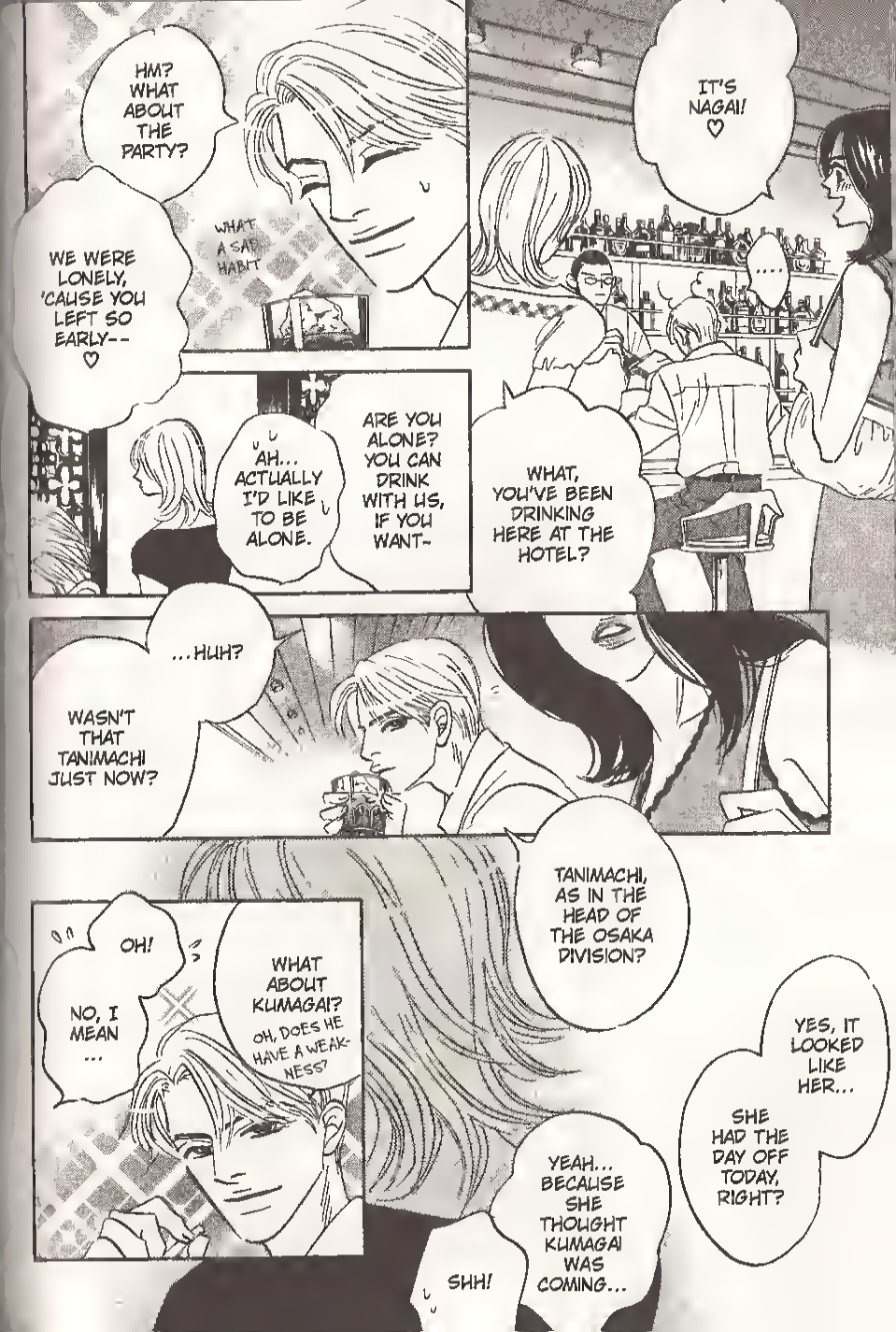
....
KHAM
SO IF I MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER...
COUGH
コホッ
... OW...
COUGH
コホッ
COUGH
コホッ
LET ME GO.
LET ME GO!
COUGH

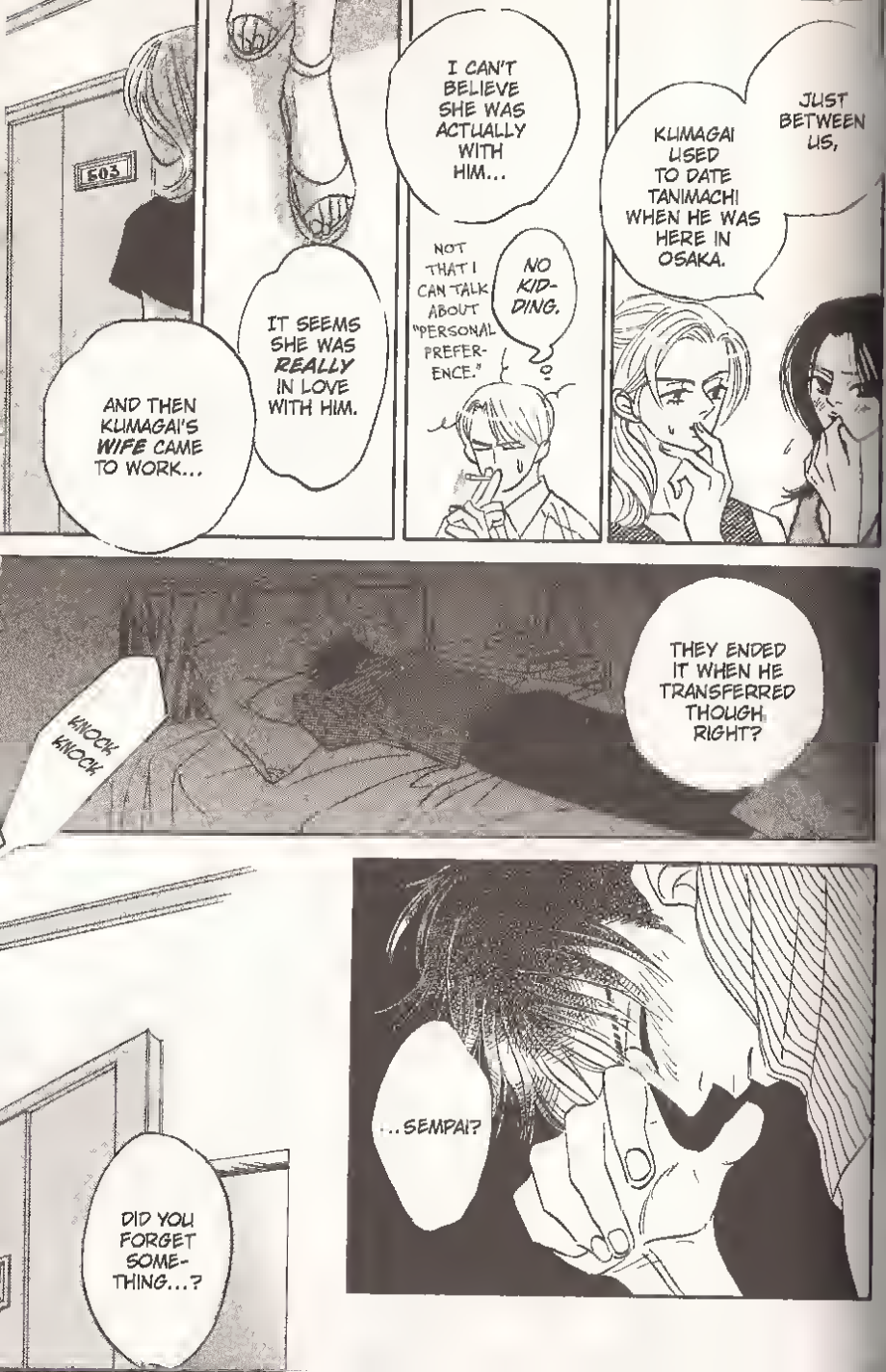
UNTIE
...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU REALLY ANGRY.
...NO, SECOND.
YOU WERE REALLY MAD WHEN REMI LEFT...
PLEASE...
STAY WITH ME A LITTLE LONGER.
I'LL STAY HERE. RELAX, AND GET SOME REST...
HAS IT REALLY BEEN A YEAR?
A YEAR SINCE HIS BRIDE CAME BACK AFTER RUNNING AWAY ON THEIR WEDDING NIGHT...

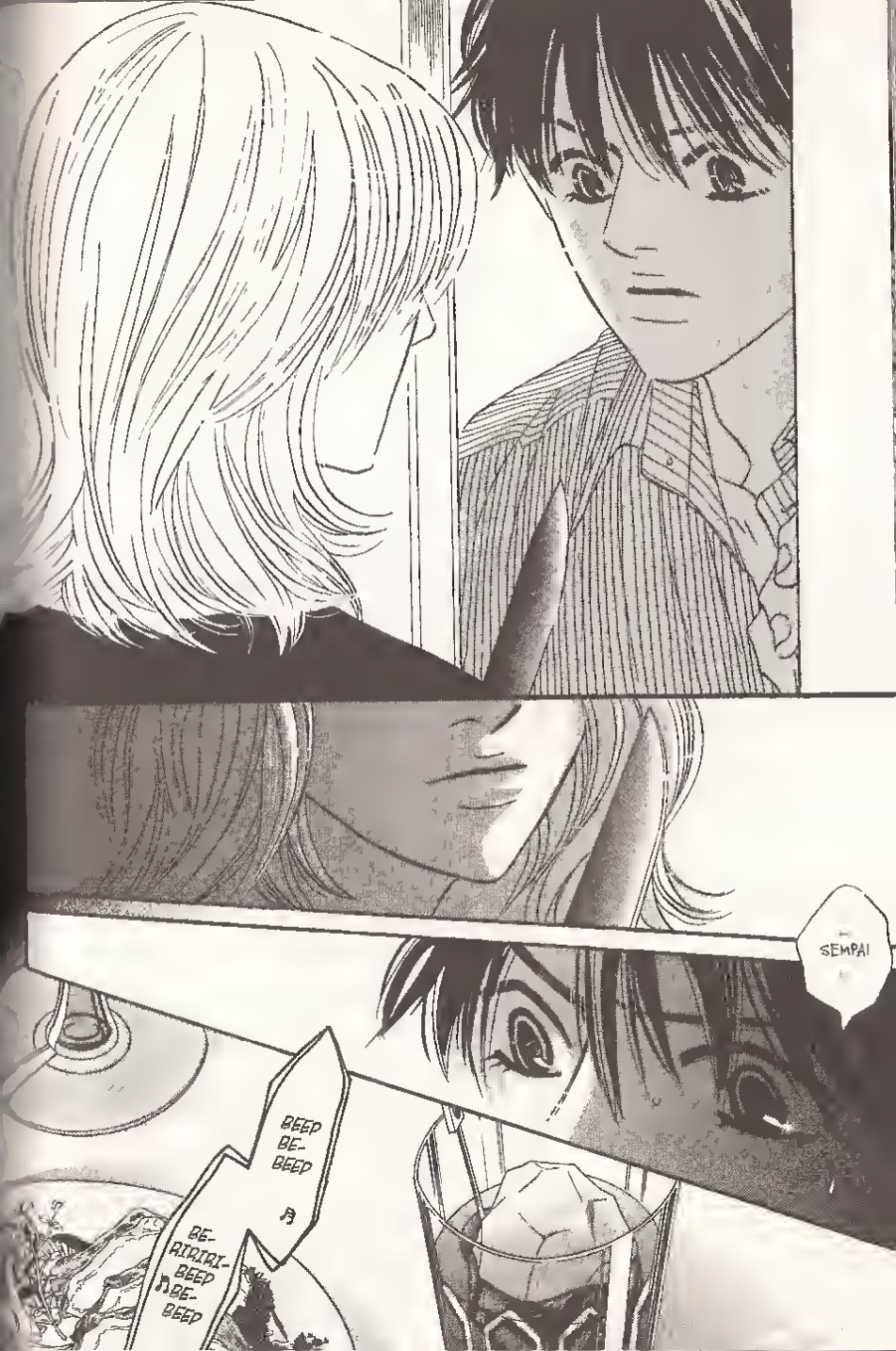

I DECIDED TO PRETEND I DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL YOU SAID SOMETHING.
I STAYED WITH YOU UNTIL YOU CRIED YOURSELF TO SLEEP.
YOU WERE SO CUTE EVEN WHEN YOU WERE CRYING...
...I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER TELL ME...
...I THOUGHT WE'D BE TOGETHER FOREVER...
BUT TONIGHT...
...I'M HERE.
WHEN YOU'RE HURT, I WANT TO HELP YOU.
IF YOU WANT ME TO STAY, I WILL.
THAT WON'T CHANGE.
I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN FOR YOU.

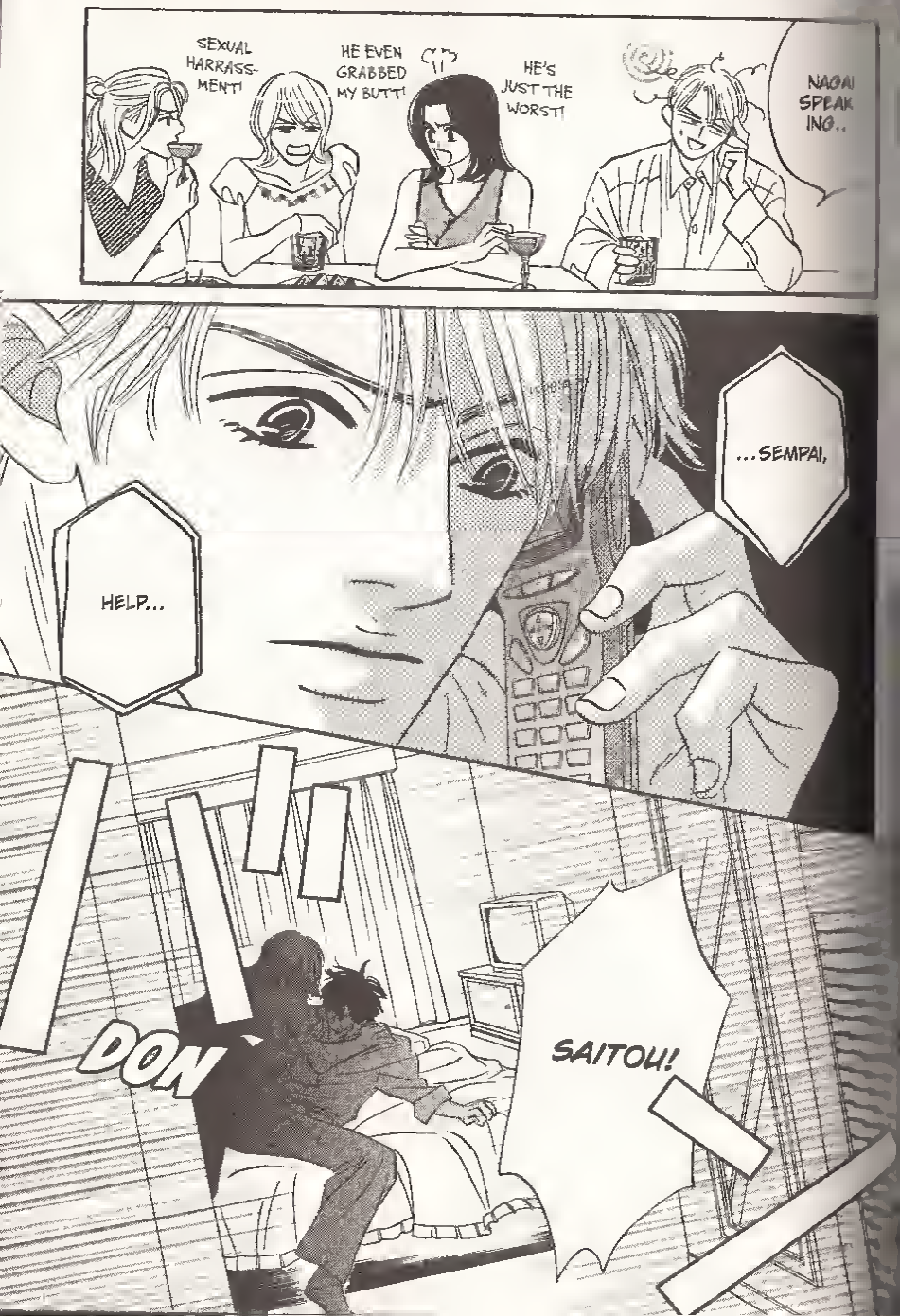
BUT I CAN'T BE YOURS.
BECAUSE I'M ALREADY...
COMPLETELY HIS.
...WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT HONDA ANYWAY?
AH.
IT'D BE EASIER IF I KNEW THAT...
...I SEE.
I DON'T STAND A CHANCE AT ALL.

I CAN'T STAY WITH YOU TONIGHT...
...WILL YOU LEAVE ME ALONE FOR A LITTLE WHILE...?
...HUH?


HM? WHAT ABOUT THE PARTY?
WHAT A SAD HABIT
WE WERE LONELY, 'CAUSE YOU LEFT SO EARLY--
IT'S NAGAI!
....
WHAT, YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING HERE AT THE HOTEL?
ARE YOU ALONE? YOU CAN DRINK WITH US, IF YOU WANT-
AH... ACTUALLY I'D LIKE TO BE ALONE.
...HUH?
WASN'T THAT TANIMACHI JUST NOW?
TANIMACHI, AS IN THE HEAD OF THE OSAKA DIVISION?
YES, IT LOOKED LIKE HER...
SHE HAD THE DAY OFF TODAY, RIGHT?
YEAH... BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT KUMAGAI WAS COMING...
SHH!
OH!
NO, I MEAN ...
WHAT ABOUT KUMAGAI?
OH, DOES HE HAVE A WEAKNESS?


JUST BETWEEN US,
KLIMAGAI USED TO DATE TANIMACHI WHEN HE WAS HERE IN OSAKA.
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE WAS ACTUALLY WITH HIM...
NO KIDDING.
NOT THAT I CAN TALK ABOUT "PERSONAL PREFERENCE."
IT SEEMS SHE WAS *REALLY* IN LOVE WITH HIM.
AND THEN KLIMAGAI'S *WIFE* CAME TO WORK...
THEY ENDED IT WHEN HE TRANSFERRED THOUGH, RIGHT?
KNOCK KNOCK
...SEMPAI?
DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING...?

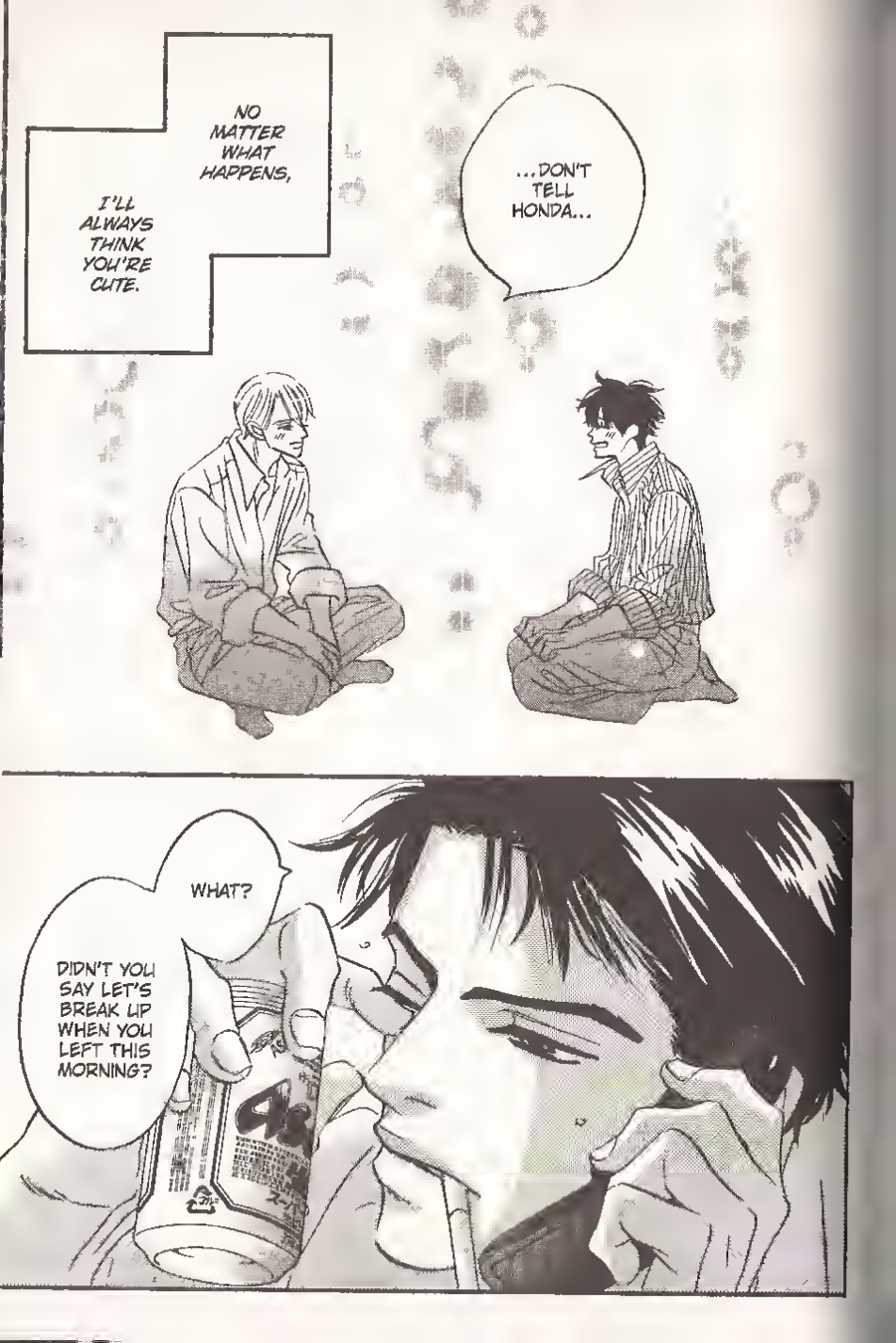

SEMPAI
BEEP BE- BEEP ♪
BE- RIRIRI- BEEP ♪BE- BEEP

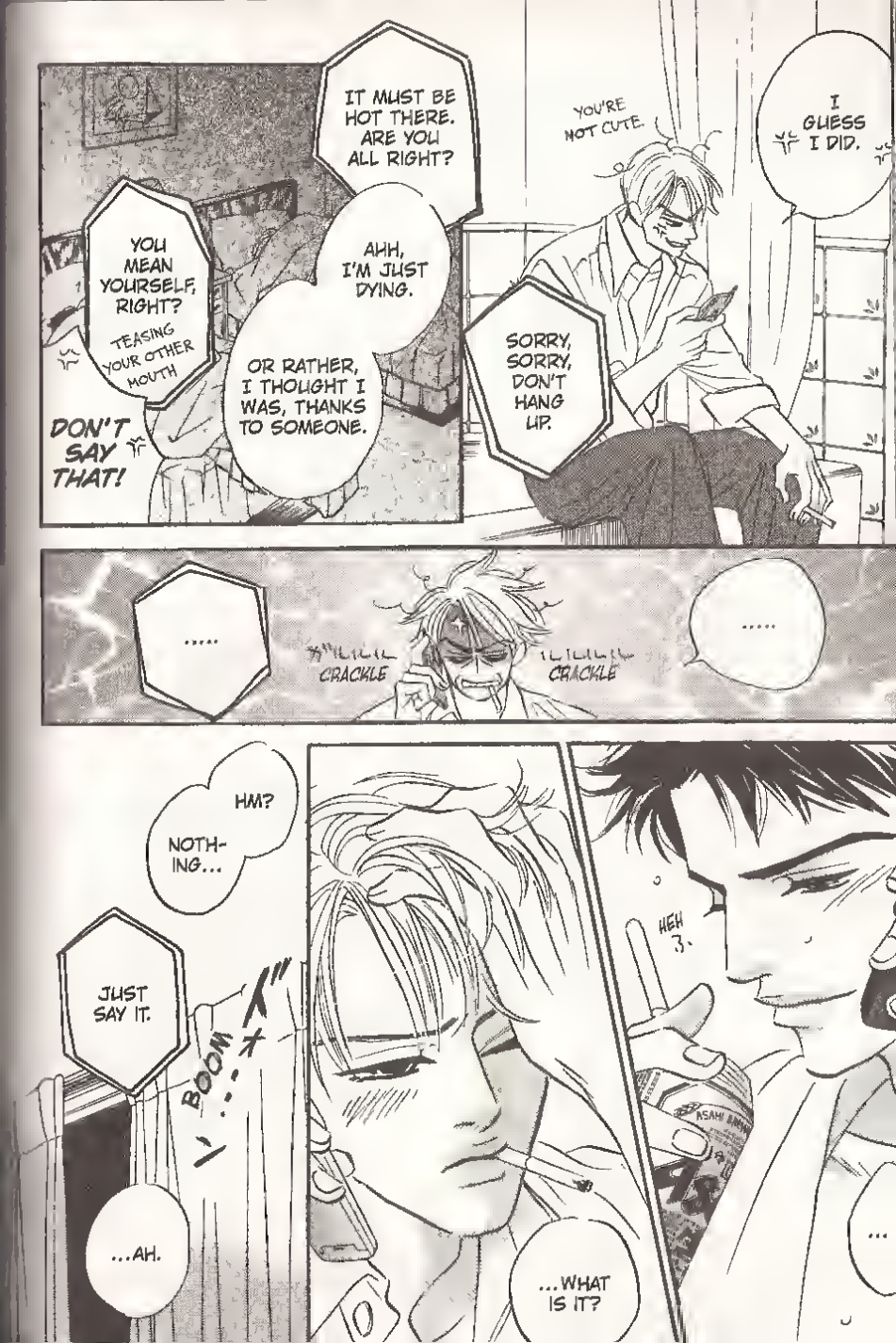

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT!
HE EVEN GRABBED MY BUTT!
HE'S JUST THE WORST!
NAGAI SPEAKING..
...SEMPAI,
HELP...
DON
SAITOU!

HAA
HAA
HAA
WAHH, SEMPAI~~
WAHHH!
POOR US~~~
STARE
AH!
THAT'S NOT IT! THAT'S NOT IT!
SLAM
.....
HELP ME~~~
IT SEEMS SHE HAD A COMPLICATED BREAK UP.

A KNIFE!?
ARE YOU HURT!?
SHE HAD A KNIFE, BUT I MANAGED TO CALM HER DOWN AND...
TANIMACHI DIDN'T KNOW I WAS COMING INSTEAD OF THE CHIEF.
THE FRONT DESK MESSED UP KUMAGAI WITH NAGAI.
WE WERE IN THE ROOM BUT DIDN'T ANSWER THE PHONE, SO SHE CAME RIGHT UP.
HOW MUCH DID SHE DRINK?
OH, THAT WAS HER WHO CALLED.
PHEW...
I'M TOTALLY FINE
...SEMPAI?
FUUUU
YOU POOR THING... YOU'RE WORSE OFF THAN ME...
NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO...
AND THEN SHE STRIPPED...
SO I GAVE HER A DRINK...
I TOLD HER ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AFTER MY WEDDING, AND SHE START-ED TO CRY,
WHEN I HEARD SHE WAS DUMPED AFTER BEING IN AN AFFAIR,

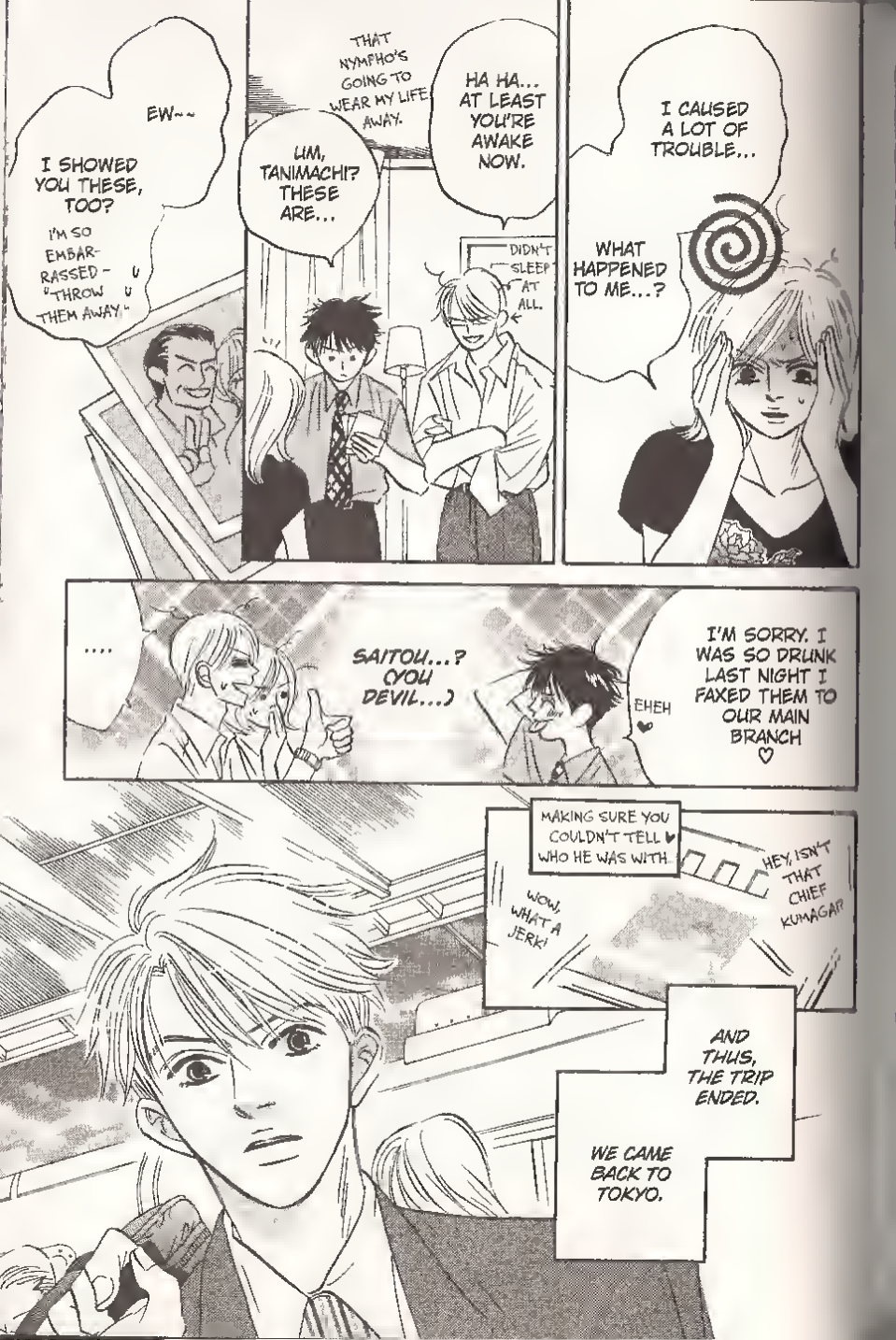
SO IF HONDA AND I WERE BOTH ABOUT TO FALL FROM A CLIFF, WHO WOULD YOU HELP FIRST?
NAGAI
HONDA
SAITOU
HAA
...OF COURSE I WAS.
HEH
...YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME.
HAS BEEN SCOLDED BY HONDA BEFORE FOR ANSWERING "SAITOU."
DON'T TALK LIKE HONDA.
HE'S CUTE.
"ME", RIGHT?
YOU'RE SO CUTE, SAITOU.


NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS,
I'LL ALWAYS THINK YOU'RE CUTE.
...DON'T TELL HONDA...
WHAT?
DIDN'T YOU SAY LET'S BREAK UP WHEN YOU LEFT THIS MORNING?


IT MUST BE HOT THERE. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU'RE HOT CUTE.
I GUESS I DID.
YOU MEAN YOURSELF, RIGHT?
TEASING YOUR OTHER MOUTH
AHH, I'M JUST DYING.
SORRY, SORRY, DON'T HANG UP.
DON'T SAY THAT!
OR RATHER, I THOUGHT I WAS, THANKS TO SOMEONE.
.....
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
.....
HM?
NOTH-ING...
JUST SAY IT.
BOOM
...AH.
HEH
...WHAT IS IT?
...

FLARE
FIRE-
WORKS.
...
HURRY
BACK.

...I DON'T KNOW WHAT FACE YOU'LL MAKE.
DID I IMAGINE THE EAGERNESS I HEARD IN HIS USUAL VOICE?
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE?
NOT REALLY...
...HUH? I SANG SOME YUMING.
...DON'T LAUGH.
I'LL PRETEND THAT I IMAGINED IT.
OR ELSE I'LL JUST KEEP THINKING ABOUT IT UNTIL WE FIGHT AGAIN.


I CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE...
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME...?
HA HA... AT LEAST YOU'RE AWAKE NOW.
DIDN'T SLEEP AT ALL.
UM, TANIMACHI? THESE ARE...
THAT NYMPHO'S GOING TO WEAR MY LIFE AWAY.
EW~~
I SHOWED YOU THESE, TOO?
I'M SO EMBARRASSED - "THROW THEM AWAY."
I'M SORRY. I WAS SO DRUNK LAST NIGHT I FAXED THEM TO OUR MAIN BRANCH ♡
EHEH ♥
SAITOU...? (YOU DEVIL...)
....
HEY, ISN'T THAT CHIEF KUMAGAI?
WOW, WHAT A JERK!
MAKING SURE YOU COULDN'T TELL ♥ WHO HE WAS WITH
AND THUS, THE TRIP ENDED.
WE CAME BACK TO TOKYO.

I CAME TO PICK YOU UP.
BUT WHY?
HOW DID YOU KNOW WHEN THE TRAIN WOULD ARRIVE?
WELCOME BACK
I'M HOME.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
ACTUALLY
SAITOU SENT ME AN EMAIL.
WHISPER
ボソ
HE SAID YOU WERE EXHAUSTED.
SAITOU ...!! (MY ANGEL!)
?!
HONDA, I DON'T MIND A THREE-SOME ♡
THAT NIGHT, HONDA WOULDN'T LET ME SLEEP UNTIL I TOLD HIM EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN OSAKA.

END